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R.A.F. Machines Repulse Attacks On Firth Of Forth, Humber And Thames Areas

## NAZI PLANES ATTACK WIDE AREA OVER BRITISH ISLES

IN BRIGHT WINTER SUNSHINE, SAYS A "REUTER" MESSAGE, GERMAN WARPLANES MADE THE MOST EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE RAIDS OF THE WAR OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY.

No bombs were dropped, but crowds in many places stood spell-bound as they watched the bursts of anti-aircraft shrapnel around the raiders.

In several places large crowds saw British fighters ascend to give combat to the enemy, who fled out to sea as soon as the R.A.F. machines appeared.

The area visited extended from Scotland to the south-east coast of England.

### OFFICIAL VERSION

The official Air Ministry communique, quoted by "United Press," says of the raids:

"Enemy planes appeared over the Firth of Forth, the Humber, the Thames and several east coast cities to-day.

"All the attacks were repulsed. No bombs were dropped."

Among the cities visited by the Nazi raiders were Newcastle and Cullercoats.

### JAPANESE MAGNATE SAYS ALLIES WILL BE—

## ON ROAD TO VICTORY IN APRIL

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Sphinx-like Viscount Kano, vice-Chairman of the Bank for International Settlements, and International manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, is a Japanese tonic for the Allies.

Yesterday, in his office in Bishopsgate, he said: "The German thermometer is going down and the Allies' thermometer is going up. Easter, I feel, should bring the turning-point."

"You Are United"

This is how he weighs up the European situation: "The advantages are on the side of England. Your country is simply per cent. united. German opinion is fifty-fifty divided. You have large resources, Germany has not."

"In 1914 Germany had great foreign investments. To-day they have no foreign investments, no foreign funds, the gold in their hands is very little, and their exports are being cut off by the blockade."

"As Germany's internal resources are diverted more and more to military purposes, the suffering of the people will become great."

Then Viscount Kano, with his next statement, sent the Far East thermometer with a jump. It was this: "The war between Japan and China will end in a month."

Viscount Kano believes there can be no peace in Europe until Hitlerism is destroyed. He says that Japan, whose pact with Germany has been dead a long time, is intent on establishing a new order in the East, and it will not be the old order of terms and indemnities set by victorious nations.

"We have learned a big lesson from the Versailles Treaty. Soon a united Chinese Government will be established at Nanking, and when peace comes to China there will be nothing left for England and Japan to quarrel about."

Empire Trade

"My bank," he said, "finances the foreign trade of Japan, chiefly the trade with the British Empire. We handle, too, all the bonds and coupons on behalf of the Japanese Government. There will be a marked increase in the volume of trade."

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Three planes participated in the raid on the Newcastle area. Six R.A.F. pursuit planes immediately took to the air and drove the raiders out to sea.

Three Nazi bombers which appeared over Scotland were also chased out to sea when R.A.F. machines offered combat shortly after noon.

A single plane appeared over Cullercoats and was driven off by intense anti-aircraft fire.

Attacks On Ships

German machines continued their attacks on merchantmen in the North Sea.

"The R.A.F. came to the rescue of a steamer which was being attacked off Norfolk and succeeded in driving the German off."

An unnamed vessel sank after an explosion off the east coast. As it sank it was watched by hundreds of spectators on the shore.

North Sea Fight Admission

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The official German news agency admits that the German fighter machines which took part in the thrilling air battle over the North Sea were the

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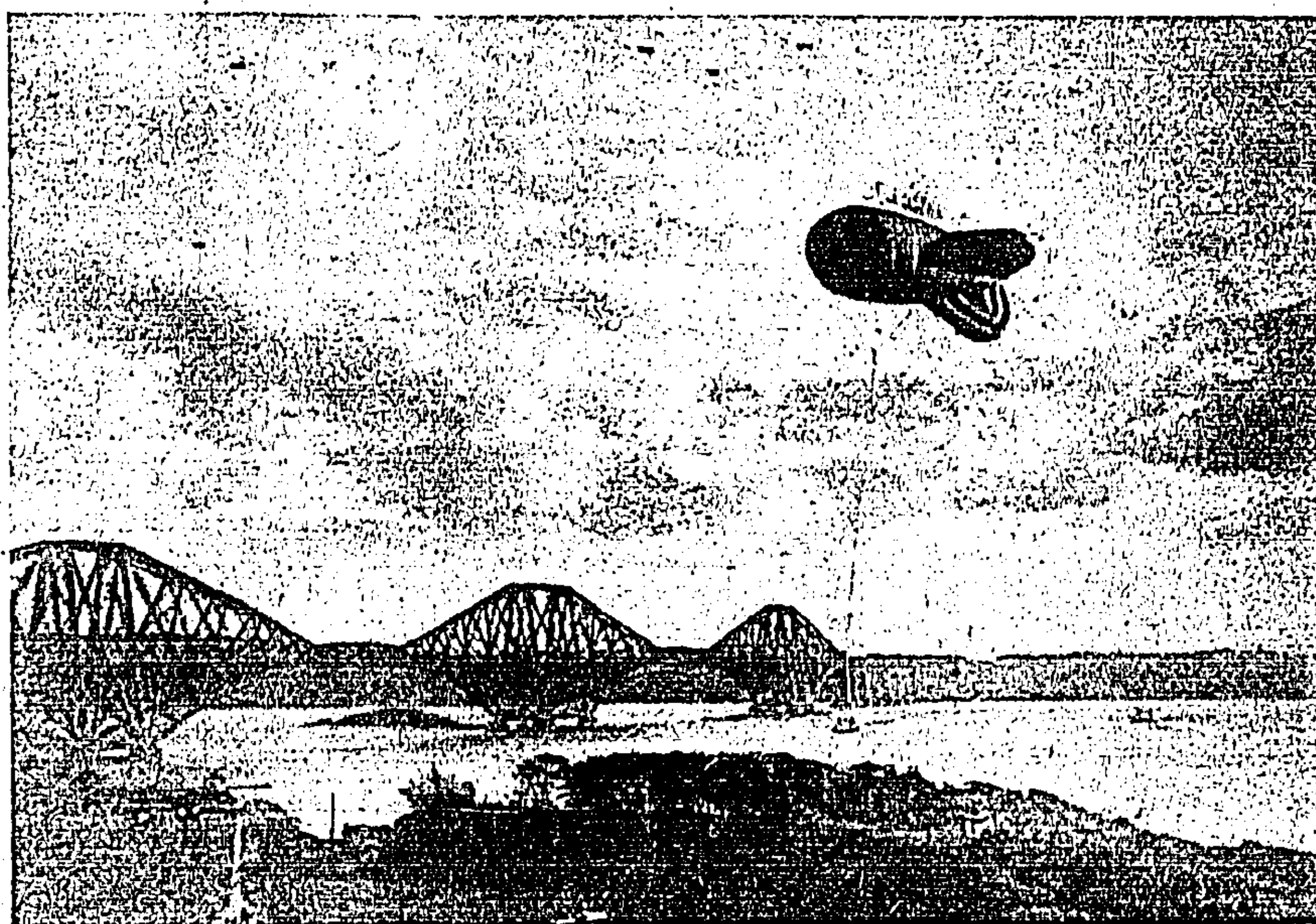
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A VIEW AT THE FORTH BRIDGE SHOWING PART OF THE BALLOON BARRAGE.

## Nazi Liner Scuttled In S. Atlantic

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAPETOWN, Jan. 11 (UP).—The German liner Ussukuma, 7,831 tons, was scuttled in the South Atlantic after being intercepted by a British warship.

The crew was taken aboard the warship and landed at Capetown. They will be interned at Pretoria.

## MORE AID FOR FINNS

Sweden To Honour Obligations

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Help for Finland continues to arrive from all quarters, and the three Scandinavian countries continue to show their determination to help Finland beat off the Soviet aggressors.

Sweden is conscious of her obligation to give the Finnish people all the material and humanitarian help that she can, said King Gustav at the opening of Parliament this morning.

The Swedish people have shown their willingness to make sacrifices, for the fighting in the preparations, he said. They are now strong and united, and their will to help Finland has been unmistakably expressed.

The security of the country now comes to the forefront and social reforms must be postponed in favour of defences.

Special Military Budget

The 1940-41 Swedish budget is £41,000,000 and the Swedish Government will establish a special military budget to allocate expenditure.

In Norway, the people are taking a great interest in the preparations for the development of civil defence against air raids. Nearly £28,000 has been collected for the Finnish Relief Fund.

A Danish ambulance car is now on the way to Finland and another is to leave in a few days.

## Crowds Watch Italian Liner Blow Up

## "MINENKRIEG" WAR CLAIMS FURTHER NEUTRAL VICTIMS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A steamer, believed to be Italian, struck a mine off an east coast town to-day.

Crowds on the promenade saw the vessel burst into flames.

A life-boat rescued the crew of 30 and the English pilot.

## MORE REDS TRAPPED 18,000 Marooned On Central Front

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—There is reason to believe that yet another Russian force is in a tight corner in Northern Finland.

Finnish ski patrols have cut the main road from Salla and Kemijarvi to Salmijarvi at several places, thus marooning a force of about 18,000 Russians who are believed to be some 20 miles in front of the point which has been cut.

The Russians would appear to be in an unenviable position, with the Finns advancing upon them from both flanks and down the centre.

It is reported that the Russians are rushing up between 35,000 and 40,000 reinforcements from the railroad of Kandalaksk.

Attack On Coast?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (UP).—A series of heavy far-awny detonations were distinctly heard this afternoon from the south coast and the south-west. The noise was supposed to be the firing of the heavy coastal batteries, although there has been no announcement of any attack, and no alarm was sounded.

One Russian General was killed, and 40 officers, including one Colonel, were taken prisoner in the rout of the 44th Red division.

General's Disgrace

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—According to the correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidende," the Russian soldiers captured in Finland state that after the defeat of the Soviets at the battle of Suomussalmi, General

## How Good Are Nazi Legions?

Allies Do Not Under- Rate Their Strength

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Now that so many weaknesses have been unmasked in the Russian army, it is a natural question to ask, "How good is the German Army?" writes "Reuter's" military correspondent.

Is it possible that it too may reveal joints in its armour if a battle is fought in the west? Can it be judged merely by its success in Poland where conditions of modern warfare were in its favour?

### No Analogy

There has never been any analogy between the Russian and German armies to be of military value. The Germans excel at administrative and staff work, their troops are magnificently equipped, and whatever the internal state of the country, the army will be well-fed.

The timber of the Germans is now being measured by Allied patrols. The Allies are not making the mistake of under-rating the enemy, while the Germans are acting with more caution than they did in Poland. They are obviously holding their defensive lines lightly.

### Eager For Fry

If a spring offensive develops, the troops engaged will be fresh physically and eager for the fray. Whether they will be as good as the Kaiser's troops in 1914 is a matter of opinion.

The present German Army is young and has had little experience of fighting. On the other hand, the Allied Armies are filled with veterans, and thanks to colonial and imperial responsibilities, many of the younger regulars have been under fire. Hundreds of young officers have experienced the responsibility of command, which breeds individual initiative.

It is safe to say that the Allies are infinitely richer in that quality than the Germans. The initiative quality is invaluable under the most difficult conditions of war.

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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Business continued brisk throughout the day, resulting in a turnover topping any reported for many months past. Cements were leaders, and the medium of an extensive trading. Government 4% Loan changed hands @ \$101 to the extent of a little over a lakh. Docks were a shade easier, coming to business @ \$21.00. Tramway, after touching \$17.00 ended off, and were available at that price. Here, again, as is probably the case with Docks, profit taking may explain the halt in their advance. The market generally at the close is steady with a firm undertone.

**Buyers**

Union Ins. \$400  
Wharves \$101 1/2  
Providents \$4.05  
Hoteis \$53 1/2  
Lands \$33 1/2  
Humphries \$8  
Realities \$4.40  
Tramways \$17 1/2  
Yau-mat Ferries \$24  
China Lights (old) \$7.05  
Electricity \$59 1/2  
Sundries \$11 1/2  
Telephones (old) \$25.40  
Telephones (new) \$9 1/2  
Cements \$18.00  
Ropes \$0.10  
Dairy Farms (old) \$22 1/2  
Dairy Farms (new) \$21 1/2  
Watsons \$9.20

**Sellers**

H.K. Bank \$1,380  
Docks \$22  
Tramways \$17 1/2  
Telephones (new) \$9 1/2  
Cements \$10

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H.K. Bank \$1,370/05  
Wharves \$102  
Docks \$21.80  
Providents \$4.70  
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Hoteis \$50  
Humphries \$8.03  
Tramways \$17.00  
Electricity \$55 1/2  
Macao \$18  
Telephones (old) \$25 1/2  
Telephones (new) \$9 1/2  
Cements \$18 1/2/05  
Dairy Farms (old) \$22.65/00  
Dairy Farms (new) \$21.80  
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**WESTERN FRONT BECOMES LIVELY**

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—Today's communiqué states that there was increased artillery activity on either side and also a fair amount of activity on the part of both forces.

An enemy reconnoitring plane was brought down within our lines.

**Outburst Of Air Activity**

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—A fresh outburst of air activity has occurred on the Western Front, where cold and dry weather has brought excellent visibility.

Planes have taken to the air in large numbers on both sides and have been engaged principally on reconnoitring and photographic missions over the front, with fighter aircraft giving the necessary protection.

The Germans have also made several long distance reconnaissance flights over Northern and Eastern France, as well as day flights towards the east coast of Britain.

It is believed that the object of these night flights was the laying of magnetic mines.

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, returned to England today after a visit to the front.

**MOVE TO RESTORE HITLER'S PRESTIGE**

**Goebbels' Bigger & Better Lying Plan**

By HUGH CARLETON GREENE

AMSTERDAM. FOR sheer mendacity and distortion of the facts the German Press recently left even its own previous records far behind.

Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda, has evidently decided that the disastrous impression created by the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee must be wiped out by a frenzied campaign of bigger and better lying.

Nazi propaganda's magic wand has transformed the defenceless fishing trawler, bombed and machine-gunned by German planes in the North Sea into warships and patrol boats.

The invention that 34 out of 44 British bombers were shot down in an air battle over the Heligoland Bight is emphasised in huge banner headlines.

Lt.-Col. Schumacher, officer commanding the fighter squadron which engaged the British bombers is quoted in the German Press as estimating the British losses at 40 machines, instead of the seven not accounted for announced in the British Air Ministry communiqué.

which also stated that 12 Messerschmitts were brought down. The Germans put their own losses at two.

**Holland's Question**

The question all Holland is asking is whether Hitler will be satisfied with a propaganda campaign to re-establish his prestige, or whether he will decide on some dramatic coup. On this point the message from the Special Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in Eupen describing the missing of German troops near the Luxembourg-Belgian and Dutch frontiers has been read here with great interest.

It would, however, be a bad time of year for Germany to launch an attack on Holland if the Dutch military authorities found it necessary to flood the main waterline, it would soon be covered with a thin coating of ice which would be insufficient to bear the weight of modern mechanised forces.

Even if there were a really hard frost which enabled tanks and artillery to penetrate Holland's defences, this might only turn out to be a trap. A Dutch military expert with whom I talked recalled the incident which took place in December, 1917, after William of Orange, later King William III, of England, had cut the dykes in favour of a French invasion. Taking advantage of a hard frost, a French force under Marshal Luxembourg marched over the frozen waterline, but a sudden thaw compelled them to retreat in a hurry for fear of being cut off with the waters at their back, and only the treachery of a Dutch colonel enabled them to escape by the one road open to them.

**Canada Invites Alien Aviators To Air Force**

OTTAWA.—United States citizens who make application from Canada and men of European descent living in Canada but not naturalised may enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Department of National Defence has announced.

Hundreds of such applications have been received, many of them from United States citizens, officials said, but the number was not made known.

However, bona fide Canadians who apply for enlistment in the R.C.A.F. will receive preference. Just how many Americans came to Canada and enlisted in the air services during the World War could not be learned here because at that time enlistment in the Air Force came under the direction of the Imperial command.

However, some 10,000 men who identified themselves as Canadians served in the Royal Air Force during the World War and many of these were United States citizens.

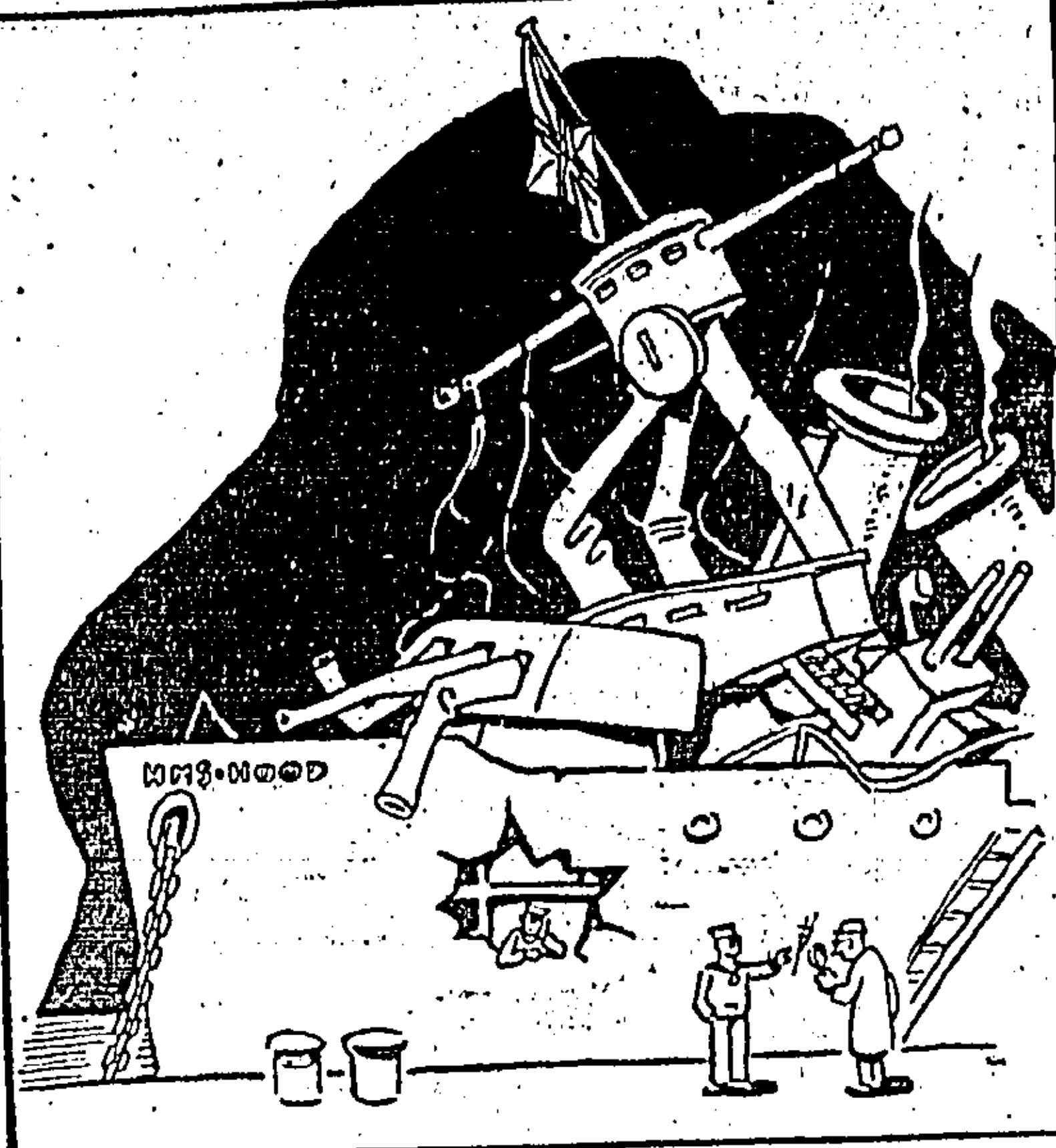
At present, non-Canadians must make application in Canada personally, and take the oath of allegiance before being accepted by the R.C.A.F.

It was pointed out that an American holding a Canadian commercial pilot's licence, could qualify as an instructor in civilian aviation and could be used in that capacity in the flying clubs giving preliminary training to R.C.A.F. recruits.

In that manner an American could serve his purpose for the R.C.A.F. without ever joining the military service and his taking the oath of allegiance would be unnecessary.

Officials said that among United States applicants wanting to join the R.C.A.F. are a number of experienced pilots offering themselves as instructors.

At present enlistment in the R.C.A.F. is virtually at a standstill. Hundreds of Canadians enlisted in the first month of the war and there now are more applications than can be handled.



**Mr Churchill Nearly Creates Ink Shortage**

MR. CHURCHILL steals the show in the largest Das Schwarze Korps, official weekly publication of Hitler's black-uniformed bodyguard, commanded by Himmler.

He is on the front page, which includes the cartoon above, telling "What German Airmen Have Done to the Hood." (Yes, they're still telling that one!)

He is featured on four other pages, where they call him "Pancake-face, phrasemonger, chameleon, withered-up Puritan," and "speculator, obese liar, bricklayer, sharper."

**AND—**

—there are sixteen Churchill pictures on the back page, each showing him in a different hat. Last there is the cartoon below, showing him gasping as he sees great British battleships sunk by German bombers.



**German Airmen Miss A Chance**

By RONALD WALKER, News Chronicle Correspondent with the R.A.F.

FRANCE. THE Germans, maybe discouraged by their losses of a week ago, ignored the break offered by yesterday's weather.

To-day their chance of making long reconnaissance flights was gone, lost in the endless low clouds which filled the skies and the rain which has renewed the mud.

Since our air victories over the raiding German aircraft last week, the weather has made reconnaissance flights impossible until yesterday.

For a whole day it might have been spring. The wind became gentle and skies blue with occasional tufts of cloud. The sun shone warmly.

All day British and French aircraft were busy keeping constant patrols watching out for enemy machines. Not one was reported by observant eyes.

To-day there has been little flying activity on our side and none by the

**North Sea Churned By Battle**

WITH the toll of torpedoed ships mounting daily, the North Sea become the No. 1 Battleground of the world's second great war.

To-day, as in the World War, sea-going nations not at war are paying heavily along with the belligerents. How many people live by the North Sea is apparent from a roll-call of neighbouring countries. Bordering it directly are six nations, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Great Britain, The Netherlands, and Belgium. At the south-west corner, where the larger body of water meets the English Channel is a bit of French shore. In the north-east, almost within touching distance, is Sweden, washed by the Skagerrak, arm of this same sea.

**Hearing Gunfire**

So closely clustered about the embattled waters are the various neutrals that from time to time many of them hear the gunfire of naval engagements. Both German and British fleets have been bombed within the general area. Britain's Scapa Flow and Fifth of Forth bases, on the east coast, have been bombed by the Germans, with one British base making attacks on Germany's North Sea bases of Emden, Cuxhaven, and Wilhelmshaven.

Mines lie in patches off the British and Continental shores, while others drift in the narrowing waters toward the English Channel. Announcements by the belligerents of such dangers to American shipping are passed along to mariners by the Hydrographic Office of the United States Navy, through radio warnings and other forms of publicity.

On a current chart in the U.S. Navy Department at Washington, is shown a particularly large minefield laid by Britain, which follows Danish, German, and Netherlands coasts. A second German patch overlaps this region to cover some of the same area, but is located on the far side from the German territory.

Of the belligerents with North Sea coastlines to defend, Britain has by far the most mileage to consider with a water front stretching 625 miles from Dover to the Shetland Islands. Important British bases are scattered all along the way from Chatham, across from the French shore, to Hurwich, Fifth of Forth, Invergordon, and Scapa Flow, in the far northern Orkney Islands.

**Fishing Industry**

By contrast, Germany's North Sea naval bases along a much shorter shoreline, are highly concentrated, with Emden, Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven, and Heligoland all coming within a circle the diameter of which is no more than 80 miles across.

The war has had a far-reaching effect on the vast fishing industry in the North Sea, which normally provides much of the world's fish supply. English east coast towns of primary importance are among the catch taken each year to an estimated amount of more than a million tons.

In the economy of all the countries near the North Sea, fishing is of considerable importance. It is especially valuable, however, in Norway, where 10 per cent. of the national income is figured from fish exports, and in Great Britain, with its many fishing and allied industrial centres. Sending thousands of ships out to take advantage of the rich harvest provided by the North Sea, are the English east coast towns of primary importance, Hull and Yarmouth. Aberdeen, in Scotland, is another. One indirect result of the war has been a reported higher cost of fish.

Germans because of the bad weather. It is possible that yesterday's break in the weather was not known by the Germans until too late.

Since the war began, the Allies have made every effort to cut German off from all information which would enable their Air Force to know prevailing conditions over France and Britain.

**R.A.F. JIGSAW PUZZLES OF THE SIEGFRIED LINE**

By PHILIP JORDAN

News Chronicle Correspondent with the B.E.F.

**FRANCE.**

"BRITISH aircraft made further reconnaissance flights over Germany. All returned safely."

Those are the words of the official communiqué. The aircraft flew low through the skies, dropped its wheels and came down on to one of the few fields that are not sodden in that part of France to which all those who come back eventually return.

Somewhere near that hidden field, rained with anti-aircraft batteries to deal with enemy aircraft at all heights, the Royal Air Force and the British Expeditionary Force marry their separate functions.

**"Spliced"**

The actual "splicing" is done in one of the many factories that the war has forced to close down.

Here the pilot hands in the films which he has taken with the heavy automatic camera that juts from the belly of his machine; and here he has a long talk with the Army Intelligence officers and tells them, so far as he is able, the exact spot he has photographed on his trip across the enemy lines.

Less than one hour after he is back the movie developing unit, parked in the yard of the factory, has delivered scores of different photographs from each roll of film that he has taken. Each print overlaps the next, so that by planning a series of prints together at the right place it is possible to get a long aerial map of whatever course the pilot has flown. This is called a "mosaic."

**Amazing Accuracy**

No matter from what height these photographs are taken they reveal details with astonishing accuracy.

Even without the aid of a magnifying glass it is possible to see, on photographs taken from a tremendous height, barges being towed along the Rhine, small herds of cattle, which is to be gleaned on the fields, the traffic on the new motor roads and even gun positions which are presumably supposed to be camouflaged.

If the enemy knew what a complete set of photographs we now have of important sections of his country and of all that has happened on those sections since the war began, he would be disturbed by our efficiency.

THE little evacuee, billeted at the Rectory, was made to enter her portfolio. Reluctantly she gulped it down.

"Now thank God for your meal," she was told.

"Why should I? I didn't like it."

"Well thank God for something."

She thought for a few moments. Then added wretchedly: "Thank God I wasn't sick."

IT was a very imposing looking house to which two small boy evacuees were sent.

The lady of the house opened the door herself, and then when she saw the very careful of the polished floors, won't you?"

"That's all right, lady," was the reply. "We wear hob-nail boots, so we shan't slip."

The inhabitants of Scotland always look ahead? One Scotsman was seen pouring a strange mixture into his whisky, which before hand he had asked taken neat.

When asked what it was and why he was mixing the drink, he replied: "It's anti-freeze mixture. I'm thinking that if I take enough of it I won't have to buy a winter overcoat."

A manager complained at the length of reports sent him by his foreman at a lumber camp, in the north of Canada. The camp consisted of one hundred men and two women.

"When you send me a report about your camp," wrote the manager, "don't use a lot of flowery language. Just put down in figures what has happened during the month."

Next time the report came, it said: "Last month 1 per cent. of the men married 60 per cent. of the women."

A man was complaining to his friend at the bad condition of his house.

"Why don't you tell the landlord," the friend queried.

"It's no good telling him," the householder continued. "Why, if I told him the roof leaked he'd charge me extra for shower baths."

The mistress of the house heard the bell ring, and saw a Chinese hawk standing at the open front door.

Quickly retreating, she called to her maid: "There's a Chinese at the door. You go. Ella."

"This was a bit too much for the Chinese. He stuck his head in the door and retorted: 'You to Hell-a yourself!'"

**KILLED ON ROAD. FLEW ATLANTIC**

Mr. Leonard Gillespie Reid, 30, of Manor House, Hockliffe, England, who, in August, 1934, with Mr. J. R. Ayling, made the first Atlantic air crossing from Canada to Heston, died recently in Northampton Hospital, after a road accident.

He was a son of Lady Reid, widow of Sir William Reid, of St. John's (Newfoundland).

**HAVEN SOUGHT FOR "WAR" DOGS**

ST. LOUIS.—The possibility that many fine dogs in Europe will be destroyed because of the exigencies of the war has caused Mrs. Gilbert P. Strellinger to undertake a campaign to find homes in the United States for valuable animals.

Mrs. Strellinger, vice-president of the American Pointer Club, already has written for English breeders and offered to care for six pointers without compensation for the duration of the war. One kennel sent her a pointer champion, Stainton Sonora.

Principal dog fanciers and secretaries of clubs devoted to the various breeds have expressed approval of the plan. Mrs. Strellinger hopes to get in touch with breeders in other warring countries besides Great Britain.

**San Francisco Not To Reopen Its Fair**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Plans to reopen the World's Fair here in 1940 have been abandoned by the organization, which directed the 1939 show, and prospects are that blows of the wrecking hammers will sound through Treasure Island shortly.

Leland Whitman Cullen, President of the San Francisco Bay Exposition Corporation, said a drive for \$1,000,000 to finance a reopening of the show had not succeeded.

The decision came shortly after George Cress announced in Washington that President Roosevelt was in favour of a repeat season. Mr. Cress, Chairman of the United States San Francisco Fair Commission, said the President believed the fair could be made "the rallying point" for extension of Pan-Americanism.

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(b) by messenger.  
(c) by post.

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Tientsin ..... Jan. 13, 11 a.m.  
Tientsin and Shanghai ..... Jan. 14, 11 a.m.  
Shanghai ..... Jan. 14, 11 a.m.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th Jan. 11 a.m.  
Haiphong and Hothow ..... Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Manila ..... Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Straits and Amoy ..... Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Saloon ..... Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Shanghai ..... Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th January, 11 a.m.  
Haiphong ..... Jan. 17, 11 a.m.

**OUTWARD MAILS**

Bangkok ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Fort Bayard ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Straits ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Amoy ..... 3 p.m.  
Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 10.30 a.m.  
Fort Bayard, and Hothow ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco 1st February  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Parcels ..... Jan. 13, Noon.  
Reg. ..... Jan. 13, 1.45 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 13, 2.30 p.m.  
Saloon ..... Jan. 13, 3.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 21st Jan.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Jan. 13, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 14.  
Canton ..... 7.15 a.m.  
Amoy and parcels only for Shanghai, 9 a.m.  
Manila ..... 9 a.m.  
Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 9 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 15.  
Straits and Calcutta ..... 9.30 a.m.  
Parcels ..... Jan. 15, 9 a.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 15, 10 a.m.  
Haiphong ..... 11 a.m.  
Saigon, Madang, Salamaya and Enbaul ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Canton ..... 10 p.m.  
Batavia and Sourabaya ..... 9.30 a.m.  
Shanghai and Japan ..... 9.30 a.m.  
Fort Bayard ..... 10 a.m.  
Haiphong ..... 10.00 a.m.  
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th February  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Jan. 16, 2.45 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 16, 3.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th January.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Jan. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Jan. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd Jan.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Jan. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Jan. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.

**San Francisco Not To Reopen Its Fair**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Plans to reopen the World's Fair here in 1940 have been abandoned by the organization, which directed the 1939 show, and prospects are that blows of the wrecking hammers will sound through Treasure Island shortly.

Leland Whitman Cullen, President of the San Francisco Bay Exposition Corporation, said a drive for \$1,000,000 to finance a reopening of the show had not succeeded.

The decision came shortly after George Cress announced in Washington that President Roosevelt was in favour of a repeat season. Mr. Cress, Chairman of the United States San Francisco Fair Commission, said the President believed the fair could be made "the rallying point" for extension of Pan-Americanism.

**KILLED ON ROAD. FLEW ATLANTIC**

Mr. Leonard Gillespie Reid, 30, of Manor House, Hockliffe, England, who, in August, 1934, with Mr. J. R. Ayling, made the first Atlantic air crossing from Canada to Heston, died recently in Northampton Hospital, after a road accident.

He was a son of Lady Reid, widow of Sir William Reid, of St. John's (Newfoundland).

**HAVEN SOUGHT FOR "WAR" DOGS**

ST. LOUIS.—The possibility that many fine dogs in Europe will be destroyed because of the exigencies of the war has caused Mrs. Gilbert P. Strellinger to undertake a campaign to find homes in the United States for valuable animals.

Mrs. Strellinger, vice-president of the American Pointer Club, already has written for English breeders and offered to care for six pointers without compensation for the duration of the war. One kennel sent her a pointer champion, Stainton Sonora.

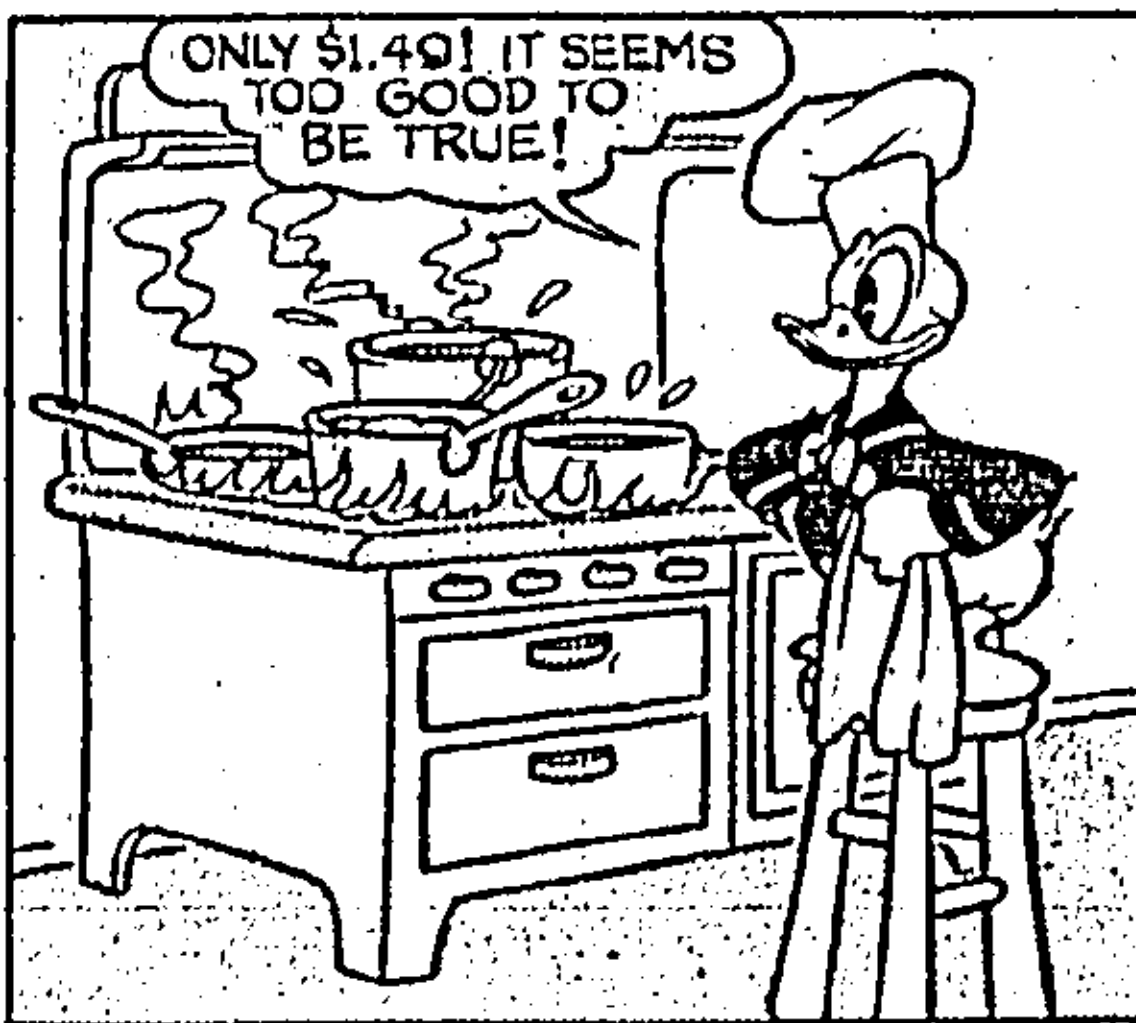
Principal dog fanciers and secretaries of clubs devoted to the various breeds have expressed approval of the plan. Mrs. Strellinger hopes to get in touch with breeders in other warring countries besides Great Britain.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-casion.

12.30 Victor Silvester and His Harem Orchestra. A Sailboat in the Moonlight, Moonlight Valley, Apple Blossom Time, A Mist is Over the Moon, Angels Never Leave Heaven, Could Be, Kinds Lonesome, St. Bernard Waltz, The Veils.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Val Rosing (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band. Wine Song, Happy, I'm Happy, A Little Door, A Little Lock, A Little Key, A Penny in My Pocket, Val Rosing, Remembrance, Where the Mountains Meet the Sea, Piano-Accordion Band, Avalon, Val Rosing, All Ashore, Goodbye to Summer, Piano-Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An hour with Brahms. Variations on A Theme by Haydn (St. Antoni Chorale), Op. 50A, Brahms, Symphony Orchestra of New York, cond. by Arturo Toscanini, Erlanger, Op. 63, No. 2, Von Ewig, Liebe, Op. 43, No. 1, Alexander Klipha (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano, Sonata in F minor, Op. 12, No. 1, Lionel Tertis (Violin) and Harriet Cohen (Piano), Brahms, Waltzes, Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

7.00 Closing-Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Selections from "Home and Beauty," "Ball at the Savoy," "Careless Rapture" and "The Town Talks."

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 Music of Purcell. A Trumpet Voluntary, Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra. The Fairy Queen, Three Dances, The Jacques String Orchestra cond. by Reginald Jacques.

8.12 Studio Recital by Viola Morris and Victoria Anderson, England's Famous Two-Part Singers. It was a Lover and His Love (Thomas Morley), April is in my Mistress' Face (Thomas Morley), When Spring with its Joy (Mozart), Nymphs and Shepherds (Purcell). Solos by Victoria Anderson (Contralto).—In Questa Tomba (Beethoven), Over the Mountains (Aire from "Musical Recreation"), 1892, arr. Roger Quilter, Solos by Viola Morris (Soprano).—My Lovely Celia (Monroe), The Cuckoo, English Folk Song (arr. Cecil Sharp), The Kerry Dance (arr. Alec Rowley), Affin Water (arr. Moffatt), Le copé de ma mie (Jacques Dalcroze), O Whistle, and I'll come to you my lad (arr. Maurice Jacobson).

8.45 Orchestral Selections. Meg Merralls, "London, Again," Suite (Eric Coates), London Palladium Orchestra. Two Symphonic Rhapsodies (Eric Coates). I pitch my lonely Caravan, Bird songs at eventide I heard you singing, New Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

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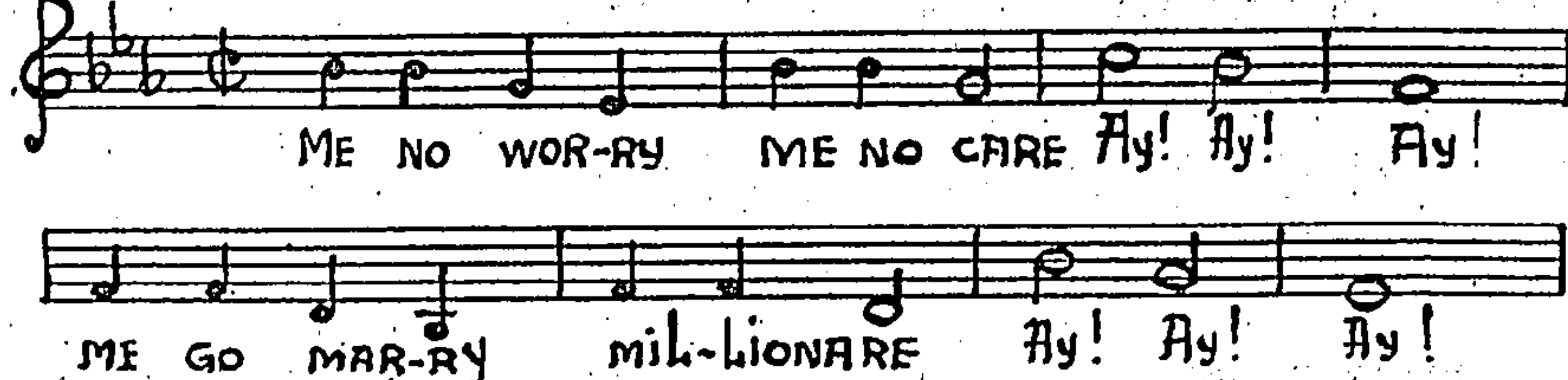
9.45 J. H. Scoble Celeste Octet. My Sweetheart When A Boy, Silver Threads Among The Gold, Memories Of Devon.

9.55 Walton—Fascade Suite No. 2. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.

10.00 Studio—"The Beauty of England"—At East Anglia. The fourth of a series of talks by the Very Rev. The Dean of Hongkong.

10.05 Light Orchestral and Vocal Variety. "When I Think Of You," This Lovely Rose (W. J. Brownlow), (Baritone), Round the Bendabout (Edwin Man), New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra, Song Of Thanksgiving, Sweet and Low, Little Jackson (Contralto), Odeon Orchestra, Strauss Polkas, Light Symphony Orchestra, I Know Of Two Bright Eyes, Lily Mayour, Reddies Nash (Tense), Drury Park Members.

11.00 Close Down.



## Nick Korin's "Boys" Composed This Song

NIC KORIN, LEADER OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL'S POPULAR SWING BAND, IS TO INTRODUCE A NEW NUMBER IN THE GRIPPS ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

It has been composed by two members of his Band. So far, it has not received a title. But it certainly has everything.

## SMART GIRLS GROW UP

Deanna's First (Film) Kiss

DEANNA DURBIN, now aged 17, has had her first film kiss.

The other day she relaxed in the arms of 20-year-old Robert Stack, and the cameras made Durbin history.

One faction urged that Deanna had earned the company around £2,000, largely by steering away from kisses.

The other group, championed by Joe Pasternak, her producer, insisted that Miss Durbin was growing up and there wasn't much anybody could do about it.

Pasternak won.

So they began producing "First Love," starring Deanna and Robert Stack.

In the big scene, Deanna, wearing an evening gown, appears on a balcony overlooking the New York skyline.

A wind machine sent the evening breeze through her curls.

Young Stack, in dinner suit, was very worried about that kiss. The camera began to turn and he informed Deanna that he was leaving for San Antonio.

"Where will you stay?" she asked. "On our sailboat. It has a diesel engine."

"Sailboats are beautiful."

"Yes. They are beautiful."

In H's Arms

With that he took her gently in his arms and kissed her.

Miss Durbin, mistress of the situation, turned towards the skyline and asked:—

"What's a diesel engine?" And so one of the "Three Smart Girls" has grown up.

## HONGKONG ESTATES

### Probate Of Will Of Late Mr. J. D. Bush

The late Mr. James Daniel Bush, well-known resident who died on November 28, left Hongkong estate worth \$7,400. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Mrs. Victoria Mary Bush, who is the sole beneficiary.

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Mr. Francisco Antonio Jorge, clerk who died in Macao on March 20, 1931, left \$400. Letters of Administration have been granted to Mr. Harold Keller Jorge.

The music was composed by P. Baklitsky, and the words are by Bob Butch.

An alternative chorus, which you will hear Nick Korin sing on Saturday night, is written in "pidgin" English.

Here are the two choruses: "Never worry, never care; 'Try to find a sugar daddy millionaire; 'Who'll be kind; 'If he's bald and if he's fat; 'Don't be scared; 'Bald and fat boys are not bad; 'They will bed; 'Make him your honey; 'Life will be sunny; 'Don't be too sunny; 'When he wants to pet; 'If your sugar daddy dies, don't you cry; 'Try to find another guy—bye and bye."

The "Pidgin" Chorus.

The alternative chorus, in "pidgin" English, is: "Me no worry, me no care, 'Ay, ay, ay! 'Me go marry millionaire, 'Bye and bye! 'Millionaire boy not so bad, 'Ay, ay, ay! 'Plenty money, too much fat, 'My, oh, my! 'He call me honey, give me plenty money, 'Honey, money make me very glad. 'Millionaire boy, if he die 'Me no cry 'Me go enchee another guy, 'Bye and Bye."

The orchestration has been scored by Nick Korin who, incidentally, does most of the recordings of the numbers played by his Band at the Gripps.

During recent weeks, Nick Korin has popularised in Hongkong the latest war songs, such as "Washing on the Siegfried Line" and "Beer Barrel Polka." He is now working on several new war hits that have just been received from Home and which will probably be introduced at the Gripps on Saturday night.

Parallel Line

Construction of the line was made difficult by the mountain heights and the swampy jungle and through which it passes after crossing the Magdalena River. Added to this was the general lack of highway and rail facilities. There is no railroad within 300 miles of the right-of-way except for a short and disconnected stretch extending from Cucuta, Colombia, to Encomendras, Venezuela, which spans 25 miles east of Petrolia and the Barco oil concession.

Eight times the size of Illinois, Colombia has less than 2,000 miles of railway. Illinois has over 12,000 miles of railroad and over 10,000 miles of highway. The total length of Colombia's main highways is 4,115 miles. Mountains seriously handicap the road-building programme now under way. A new road paralleling the pipeline is under construction and will open vast new areas to development.

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To Ancient City

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Telling The World

Japan Plans More Short Wave Broadcast

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Inspired by the desire to keep overseas Japanese in touch with the developments of their mother country, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation is planning to expand its overseas programme. The necessity, it is pointed out, has been urged by the ever-changing international conditions.

At present, there is only one 50-kilo short wave transmitter in Japan which is being used for broadcasts to Europe, Latin America, North America, China and the South Seas.

The expansion plan provides for the installation of three additional 50-kilo and one 20-kilo transmitters and the number of destinations will be increased from the existing five to ten, the new areas including Near Eastern areas such as Turkey, Syria, and Western India, Central America, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand.

The broadcasting hours will be extended to about 12 hours a day while the transmitter will be placed in the hands of a Japanese official.

Further details of the plan will be announced later.

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## LIQUID GOLD POURS INTO PORT

A NEW oil pipeline in Colombia, South America, 263 miles long and capable of delivering 25,000 barrels a day is pouring "liquid gold" into the Caribbean seaport of Covenas. In 1937 Colombia produced more than 20,000,000 barrels of oil, 40 times more than 13 years ago. The first and only other pipeline to the sea was constructed in 1924, inaugurating Colombia's export trade in petroleum, says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic Society. The republic ranked ninth in world petroleum output before the development of the field just opened.

The new 12-inch pipeline carries the oil from Petrolia in the Barco concession, near the Venezuelan border of eastern Colombia, to the new port of the Golfo de Morrosquillo. The oil field is 700 feet above sea level. In its course to the sea the oil is pumped over the Eastern Cordillera, at a height of 5,400 feet, near Conventacion and then descends to the sea. The line crosses the Magdalena River just north of La Gloria and follows a westerly course that leads past Magangué, Corozal and Sincelejo to the Caribbean Sea.

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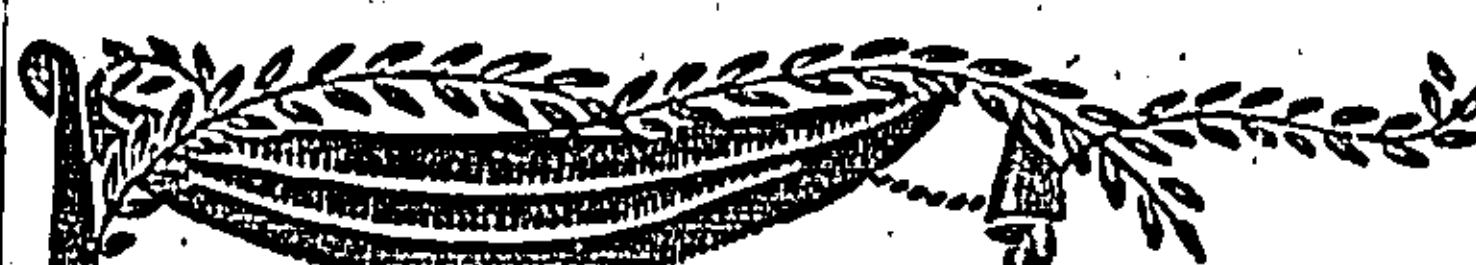
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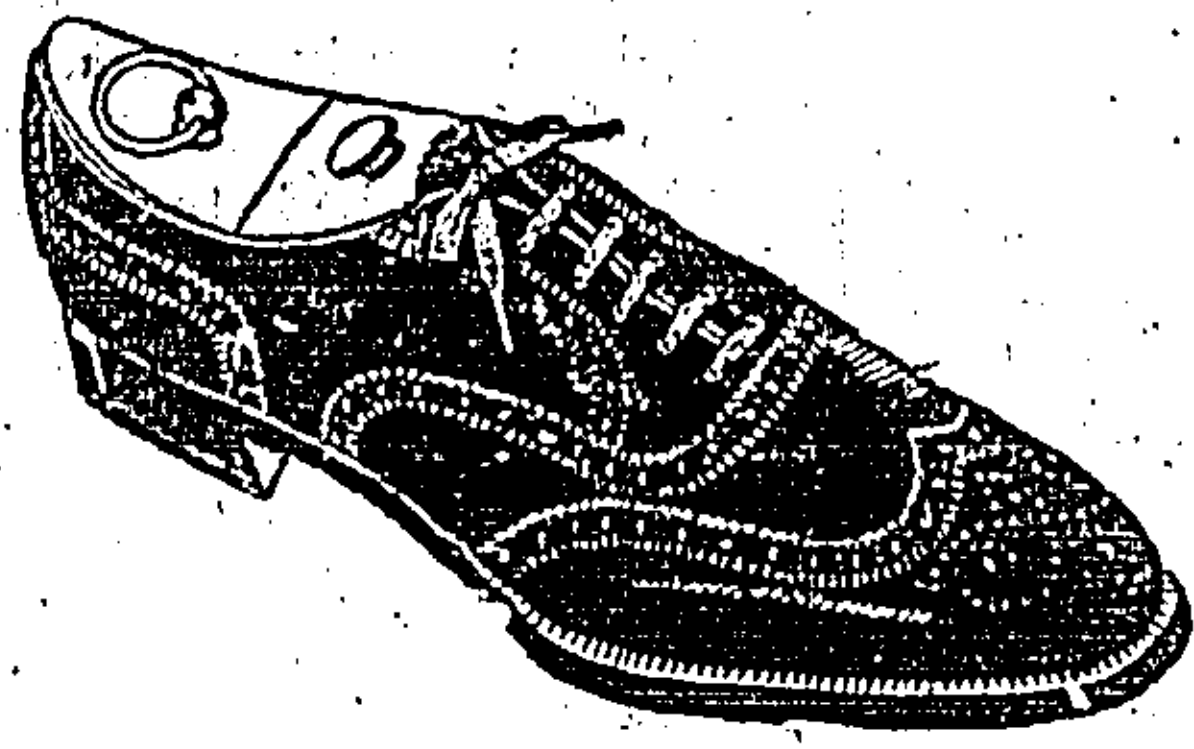
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### Two-Part Singers

Viola Morris And Victoria Anderson

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TWO eminently successful Australian singers, Viola Morris (soprano), and Victoria Anderson (contralto), who have just arrived in Hongkong, will be on the air to-night.

They went to London as soloists, to study with the famous singer and teacher, the late Harry Plunket Greene. It was he who discovered their voices made a perfect blend, and upon his advice and guidance, decided to specialise in the neglected branch of the art—two-part singing.

A repertoire of untouched gems awaited them. Music from the fifteenth century to the present day, of masters such as Schütz, Bach, Dowland, Morley, Purcell, Pergolesi, Scarlatti, Brahms, Schumann, Dvorak, to the modern British School, including Stanford, Vaughan Williams, Frank Bridge, Thomas Dunhill, Armstrong Gibbs, and so on.

From their first joint recital in London they have been an instantaneous success, and have made their names famous throughout the British Isles, California, Australia and New Zealand.

They recently concluded their second tour with the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and after their Melbourne recital left Australia for a tour of Java, where they gave fifteen public concerts.

They intend to give recitals in Hongkong, before going on to America, where they are going to tour.

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### Guns For Butter

Dr. Ley—whose name is pronounced like the English word "lie"—has recently been boasting that the German Labour Front, of which he is the leader, has cured unemployment in Germany and improved the lot of the German workers.

It is perhaps unfortunate that this claim should synchronise with the substitution of a ten-hour for an eight-hour day; but Mr. George Hicks, M.P., has not been content with that refutation of the claim. In a spirited statement he has underlined a few home truths which Dr. Ley, discreetly enough, ignored. He points out, for instance, that in Germany there are no longer any independent trades unions or other organisations to protect the worker's interests; and that overtime, night-work, Sunday work and holiday work have all been vastly increased while payment for these exactions is forbidden by law. The German worker, Mr. Hicks adds, is now in effect subject to forced labour.

This is the consequence of the deliberate policy of producing guns instead of butter—the policy so dear to the heart of Field-Marshal Goering, whose frame suggests that he himself has not had to make choice between the alternatives which he imposes on others.

Trade unionists in this country may have to reckon nowadays with a rise in prices; but at least they are not in the same case as the Hamburg dockers, who have to work 12 hours a day for 25 marks a week on the fortifications of the Western frontier. "It is clear," pungently remarks Mr. Hicks, "that Dr. Ley has cured unemployment in the way that Pharaoh cured it when his press-gangs herded up the Israelites." It is hardly conceivable that Hitlerism, with these characteristics, can have much attraction for the workers in any land; and to crown the mockery of Dr. Ley's boasting

NEWS FROM AMERICA by Robert Waithman

# Britain Will Lose American Support, Unless . .

NEW YORK.  
THE complexion of things here, the entire American attitude to the war, is changing. Though the overwhelming majority of Americans still want to see the British and French win, the number of those who believe the United States should or will enter the war has decreased.

From the beginning the desire of Americans to stay out of the war has been almost unanimous, but a few weeks ago it was being qualified by a feeling that it might become necessary to fight. Fewer people now think it will become necessary for the United States to fight. More people are ready to accept the view that America can safely and honourably stay out.



### A QUESTION put by

Mr. George Ridley in the House of Commons and the reply Sir Edward Grigg made to it seem to show that the British Government is aware of this change in American sentiment. But it seems also that the Government is attributing what is happening to the success here of German propaganda and the lack of publicity for the British point of view. Sir Edward Grigg promised "constant endeavour to secure the largest measure of publicity in the United States" on the British war effort.

If the Government does believe that the United States is being swayed by German propaganda and that the solution is to increase the flow of British



That's how we got it in the neck the last time  
(Chicago Sunday Tribune)

"news and other information," then I think the Government is wrong. German propaganda here is failing, and if the Government is now proposing to attempt the output of counter-propaganda, whether it calls it that or not, it will be, in my opinion, inviting a failure ten times as great.

The present change in American feeling has little or nothing to do with propaganda. It seems to me it is explained by a sense of moral frustration which has come over this country within the last few weeks. Everybody is beginning to show it. Senators and Congressmen, writers and broadcasters and the man you meet in the drug store or office corridor or hotel elevator.

They don't all know what it is they are feeling. Some of them ask: "When are they going to start fighting this war?" They think things would be clear and that they would understand everything better if there

were some action. But they would not, for what is troubling them most deeply is not the lack of action but the lack of direct action. America won't come in. Where-  
I AM as sure as I have ever been of anything that this, the sensation of moral let-down, is behind, for example, the new results from the Gallup polls. Instead of, as at the beginning of the war, a majority of belief that America will be drawn into the war, there is now a slight majority belief that America won't come in. Where-  
as at the beginning of the war 44 per cent. of voters were in their oratory favour of joining Britain and France if or when Germany appeared to be winning, only 29 per cent. would do so now.

The Americans, for all their oratory, are men and women who think and feel very much as British people think and feel, and it may be their remoteness and their determined neutrality that put them in a position to see the confused scene in better perspective. The Germans are pretty sure to ascribe these changes to their propaganda. But in fact German propaganda so far has been a failure, and even the deluge of stories and pictures sent here to demonstrate the invincibility of the Nazi legions in Poland did more harm than good. Nazis seem incapable of realising that American minds do not work as their own minds work, and that Americans, so far from admiring demonstrations of might, are instinctively drawn to the under-dog.

WHAT many articulate Americans are now saying and what many more are feeling without being able to put the feeling into words is something like this: "Here is a turning point for the world, a moment too big for anything but honesty. The hope of tens of millions of people in the British Empire, in all democratic countries and in all frightened small countries, is in the British Government. If now it would set before the world a plan for a just peace and a way of life that every man of every nationality could accept and aspire to, if it would commit itself boldly to fight and work for a defined new order, those tens of millions of peoples would rise in gratitude and follow the British lead. But there is no plan. There is only manoeuvring—and smart diplomacy, evasion and uncertainty. All the British Government says is that it must end Hitlerism. Of course, it must end a system which bullies, persecutes and deforms a nation and threatens every other nation. But there should be more than that, and if there were, what chance would Hitlerism stand against a leadership which mobilised the free peoples of the world behind it? Yet at this great moment there seem to be only small motives, only power politics on the old model."

German propaganda has failed here because it has proceeded on the assumption that Americans are in the same state of mind as they were during the last war. The truth is that twenty years of intensive home propaganda directed against foreign propaganda has changed Americans from a people who would believe everything to a people who will believe nothing.

HAS the British Government noticed what happened to Mr. Duff Cooper on his arrival here? He gave an interview in which he expressed the conviction that a revolution staged by Conservative elements will break out in Germany.

If any British Cabinet Minister had made such a public prophecy during the last war the fact would have been recorded liberally across the front pages. But the competent "New York Times" gave Mr. Duff Cooper only two-thirds of a column on a relatively obscure inside page.

This was (1) because the idea was not a new one, and (2) because Mr. Duff Cooper has to be classed here, however reluctantly, as a British propagandist.

As he now prepares to tour the country, one of the anti-war organisations is pressing the Secretary of State to give a ruling on whether he, Lord Marley and all other visiting British and French lecturers and speakers shall be required to register as agents of foreign principals, under a law passed last year with the precise intention of attaching a public label to suspected propagandists.

THERE may be a case for providing Americans with lectures, but there is a far better case for providing them with a lead. The cry for a lead seems to come out of the long and revealing debate on neutrality, and in a different sense it is coming from American business men, who are now manifesting a serious doubt whether a war boom is to be desired. Most of all it is shown in the recurrent talk of the possibility of a mediation move by President Roosevelt.

Americans feel that peace—the right kind of peace with Hitlerism gone and a new world design to work on—ought to be possible. They are discouraged, depressed and frustrated because no design has been drawn.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Now, don't get a stroke—if you think they're too expensive take them right back after our dinner party next Sunday!"

### James Agate picked this out

Come, Sleep, and with thy  
sweet deceiving  
Lock me in delights awhile;  
Let some pleasing dreams  
beguile  
All my fancies; that from  
thence  
I may feel an influence,  
All my powers of care  
bereavine!  
Though but a shadow, but a  
sliding,  
Let me know some little  
joy!  
We that suffer long annoy  
Are contented with a  
wrought;  
Through an idle fancy  
wrought;  
O, let my joys have some  
abiding!  
—Benjamin and Fletcher.  
[Francis Beaumont 1684-  
1616, John Fletcher 1679  
1625.]

Is the Nazi pretension that compensation for all sacrifice is provided by the Strength through Joy movement. Strength there may be; but where, one asks, is the joy?



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### When A White Sheep Meets A Black Sheep

#### It's A Case Of Give Up That Wool You Nazi

SANTOS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The 16,000-ton German liner, Windhuik, which has been forbidden to leave port, will unload its cargo of British-owned wool. The wool belongs to the Drefus Company of London, on whose request the Windhuik was detained following the refusal of the captain to unload it. The wool, 63 tons in all, was taken on board at Port Elizabeth before the war.

#### And That's Not All

At the same time, the South African Mining Company has also sent documents for the purpose of obtaining the release of 1,500 tons of chrome ore carried by the Windhuik. The 35 passengers who have been aboard since the outbreak of war have been disembarked and taken to Sao Paulo.

### Rhodesia's War Effort Details Now Being Discussed

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Conversations between Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, and Mr. R. C. Tredgold, the Rhodesian Minister of Defence, who arrived in London yesterday, began in the Dominions Office to-day.

It is understood that they are working out details of the destinations of Rhodesia's volunteers.

Well-informed circles greatly appreciate South Rhodesia's war effort, particularly the offer of providing personnel for three air force squadrons in any war front.

It is understood that Britain has accepted the offer.

#### PUBLIC TO OBTAIN GAS-MASKS

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obtain and complete one form for the whole of your household or factory.

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#### ON ROAD TO VICTORY IN APRIL

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ed improvement in Anglo-Japanese relations this year.

"The opening of the Yangtze river to international sea traffic is purely for the benefit of England. America does not send ships up there; neither does France. England's shipping can go up the Yangtze. It is the main and only artery to China."

"Mr. Chamberlain wants to establish a new order in Europe, so Japan will do the same in the East with the economic collaboration of England."

Viscount Kano has lived for the last nine years in London. In the next few days he will be flying home to Tokyo. He would not admit that he was going home to help celebrate the peace.

# AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME CAUSES CONCERN TO JAPAN

### Ambassador May Not Return

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Domei).—Informed quarters understand that Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador to the Soviet Union, who is returning home on furlough, is not likely to return to Moscow to resume his duties at the Soviet capital.

The same quarters point out that the relations between Britain and Russia have suffered a serious setback following the outbreak of the Soviet-Finnish conflict. The bitter British sentiment against Soviets was reflected in Prime Minister Chamberlain's speech at the Mansion House on Tuesday when he called Russia a "pirate."

Reports by Ambassador Seeds and information from other sources combine to indicate that the Soviet Union is determined to push ahead with the military operations in Finland, irrespective of their final results.

Britain, on the other hand, is determined to continue assistance to Finland. Soviet Embassy circles in London affirm that the Soviet Union still is determined to remain neutral by all means but Soviet authorities will intensify its interference with Finland in proportion to the increasing assistance to Finland by various Powers.

### America Must Face—

### Possibility Of Allied Defeat

#### New Appeal For Naval Defences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, told the House Naval Affairs Committee that the United States "must face the possibility of an Allied defeat and measure the potential strength of the enemy" in estimating the navy's needs.

#### Needs Are More Urgent

He said the navy's estimates were increased for defence requirements as a result of the Munich conference, and have become "more urgent" with the outbreak of war.

He said that an increase of 25 per cent, amounting to 400,000 tons was a compromise figure—in other words it was what the navy would be able to lay down and build with existing facilities, and which the country would be able to afford.

### The Usual Denial

ROME, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The reports alleged in a Rome radio broadcast to New York were the subject of official denials to-day.

The Rome radio is said to have declared that as a result of the Ciano-Casby talks Italy has agreed to send military and air units to Hungary if the latter is threatened by Soviet invasion and that Hungary has agreed to drop its claim on Rumania for the return of Transylvania.

### FULL STORY OF FIASCO SOON

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The full story of the Anglo-Franco-Soviet talks last year will soon be available.

A Government White Paper is expected to be issued soon after Parliament meets on Tuesday.

Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador to Moscow, who arrived on Wednesday, called at the Foreign Office to-day.

### Rio Turns Out To Cheer Ajax

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A large crowd thronged the Rio docks and cheered warmly when the British cruiser Ajax, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, victor over the Graf Spee, entered the harbour for the first time since the battle.

Mobbed by newspapermen, Admiral Harwood gave a vivid description of the fight.

A ball will be given to-night for the crew by the British colony.

### Guam Project Described As 'Ungraceful Attitude'

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

A spokesman of the Japanese Navy Department to-day said if the United States builds 50,000-ton battleships "not only Japan but also other countries will feel great concern." He also said that after the rejection of the Guam fortification project last year, the United States' present reconsideration of the question is "rather an ungraceful attitude," adding that the appointment of Admiral Block as the head of Hawaiian defences "may be a move to strengthen the Navy against Japan."

He said efforts are being made to re-open the Yangtze as soon as possible but no definite date can be mentioned. —United Press.

#### Support For Continuation

Washington, Jan. 11. Representative Hamilton Fish in an interview stated that he was considering the introduction of a resolution for the continuance of the United States treaty with Japan after its expiration, until a new one is negotiated. He strongly urged renewal of the treaty.

Mr. Fish considers that United States-Japanese trade should be kept on a friendly basis. As an alternative to the resolution for the continuance of the treaty, he may introduce a resolution permitting treaty traders to remain in the United States. It is important that the legitimate trade of the United States and Japan should be continued and not be interrupted by the expiration of the treaty. There is much legitimate business besides armaments that is beneficial both to Japan and the United States, he said.

Committee member John M. Vorys favours imposition of an embargo against Japan on the expiration of the treaty while the Oriental situation is cleared. Japan gets out of China and aggression is ended.

He contends there will be much sentiment in Congress for the imposition of an embargo. He would favour the strongest embargo bill that has a chance of being passed. —United Press.

#### Japan Perturbed

Tokyo, Jan. 11. All foreign Powers, including Japan, feel grave concern over the new American naval plan which is designed to increase the American naval strength by another 25 per cent. Rear-Admiral Masao Kono, chief of the Publicity Bureau of the Navy Office, declared to-day.

The Navy spokesman said the United States apparently means to maintain a superior ratio over Japan even after the lapse of the Washington treaty. The Japanese Navy, therefore, feels grave concern.

Asked by a foreign correspondent whether Japan would start a new building programme to meet the American naval plan in case it is legislated by Congress approval, the spokesman suggested that the correspondent might well imagine what action Japan would take in the light of her "grave concern."

A British correspondent suggested that a naval race might be prevented by an exchange of information on the building plans between principal naval Powers. The Navy spokesman replied that the suggestion might possibly be effective, but Japan was not in a position to exchange such information.

Questioned about the reported American plan for the building of 52,000-ton vessels, the spokesman referred to the Yomiuri Shimbun comment this morning. The paper says that Japan has decided to open the Yangtze River on her own initiative but the United States has responded to it with the plan for the construction of 52,000-ton battleships. The spokesman added, "Warships of such big tonnage cannot sail up the Yangtze."

Queried about the proposed fortification of Guam Island, the Navy spokesman recalled that the plan was rejected by Congress last year, saying, "It is certainly a poor time to raise the question, again."

Referring to the re-opening of the Yangtze, the spokesman said it depended on the local situation, but that Japanese authorities were rushing preparations to open it as soon as possible. —Domei.

### Belgians Still Protesting

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Government has protested to Berlin against flying over Belgian territory following the landing of a German plane.

### More Contraband Is Seized

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Contraband Control intercepted 12,000 tons of contraband in the week ending January 7, making the total intercepted since the outbreak of war 455,000 tons.

### Anarchy Faces The World

#### Mr. Cordell Hull's Gloomy Picture

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said the world faces anarchy unless it can be re-built economically.

"Asia is a sea of international anarchy and rule by force with all that goes with it," Mr. Hull declared.

#### Living Below Poverty Line

"All international law and morality has been brushed aside in a large part of the world."

"The major part of the purchasing power of nations has been absorbed in preparations for war."

"Eighty three per cent of the world is living below or on the poverty line. The world is living on half rations—neutrals as well as belligerents."

### LLOYDS FIND A "BLACK MARKET"

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Lloyds Underwriters have been unable to persuade the Rating Committee to reconsider their decision to resign.

The Rating Committee tendered their resignation on January 3 owing to the existence of a market which is not prepared to support the current schedule war risk insurance rates.

Consequently, it is understood, the Committee will continue to confine itself to a purely advisory capacity.

Meanwhile, the advisory schedule is proving a useful guide, and a response to many requests for an amendment of war risk insurance rates may shortly be issued.

### BEATING U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

#### Anglo-French Shipping Tonnage Increases

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—It is officially stated in London that the number of British tankers in commission is larger than at the outbreak of war, when the tonnage was 3,279,000.

British losses to January 7 amounted to 69,000 tons, which are more than made good by building, acquisition and other ways.

The same is true of the French tanker fleet. Hence German activities have not interfered with normal supplies of petrol to the United Kingdom.

### Chungking Will Have No Truck With Wang

CHUNGKING, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—An emphatic denial of the reports alleging that Wang Ching-wei had reached an understanding with the Chinese Government at Chungking concerning his plans for the proposed new Central China regime was voiced by the Foreign Office spokesman at a Press conference yesterday.

The spokesman emphasised that the Chinese Government had no connections with any puppet regime de facto or de jure.

### Nazi Planes Over Belgian Cities

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—It is announced that German aeroplanes flew over Belgium to-day at many points.

Belgian patrols gave chase and anti-aircraft guns came into action at Ghent, Brussels, Hasselt, Liege and elsewhere.

The Belgian Government has decided to protest to Germany.

### Submarine Which Got Away

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter Bulletin).—A Danish fisherman yesterday caught a German submarine.

He said his net was caught by a heavy object and was pulled for some distance. Then the periscope of a German submarine appeared entangled in the netting. The net finally broke.

The fisherman regretfully stated that his "fish" got away.

### Quake Destruction

### 30,000 Houses Levelled

#### Casualties Not So High As Expected

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Thirty-thousand houses were totally destroyed in the recent Anatolian earthquakes, according to a statement in the National Assembly by M. Euztrak, Minister of the Interior, who has just returned from the ravaged areas.

M. Euztrak gave lower figures for casualties than were previously reported.

It is estimated that 25,000 have been killed and eight thousand seriously injured.

It is also stated that heavy loss of life and material damage resulted from flood following the earthquakes.

### NAZI PLANES ATTACK WIDE AREA OVER BRITISH ISLES

#### FROM PAGE ONE

latest type of Messerschmidt 110, or "destroyer planes."

Semi-official circles in London point out that the fact that the British bombers got the better of them tells its own story of the pluck and skill of the R.A.F. pilots.

#### French Down Two Planes

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Two Nazi planes were shot down over the French lines on Wednesday.

The French wireless commentator adds to this brief official communiqué the fact that thanks to fine weather, many air operations are reported.

French planes on a reconnaissance flight, accompanied by fighters, met with enemy planes and shot down two.

#### Gunner's Graphic Story

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Messerschmidt, though armed with cannon as well as machine-guns, appeared anxious to keep out of the British gunners' range in Wednesday's big air battle in the North Sea, further details of which are now available.

"I thought there were only two of them," said one British air gunner. "They attacked alternately, then we saw others waiting above. Soon things became busy. We came down from 5,000 feet almost to sea level so that they were unable to get beneath us."

"The fighters attacked in a shallow dive, firing cannon and machine-guns from a distance of 600 yards, but seldom closing nearer than 200. They seemed anxious to get out of the range of our guns and usually turned when we opened fire."

"As they climbed, they showed us their bellies. Our tracers seemed to be going straight into them. Some of them must have gone home heavier than when they set out."

"Some of our chaps fired 600 rounds during the action. They did not all miss."

"The engagement continued some 25 minutes, each fighter making eight to ten attacks."

#### MORE AID FOR FINNS

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Foreign Minister asked the countries of the world not to slacken their assistance because of the recent Finnish successes at Suomussalmi.

Finland, he said, still urgently needs help.

#### £4,000,000 For Relief

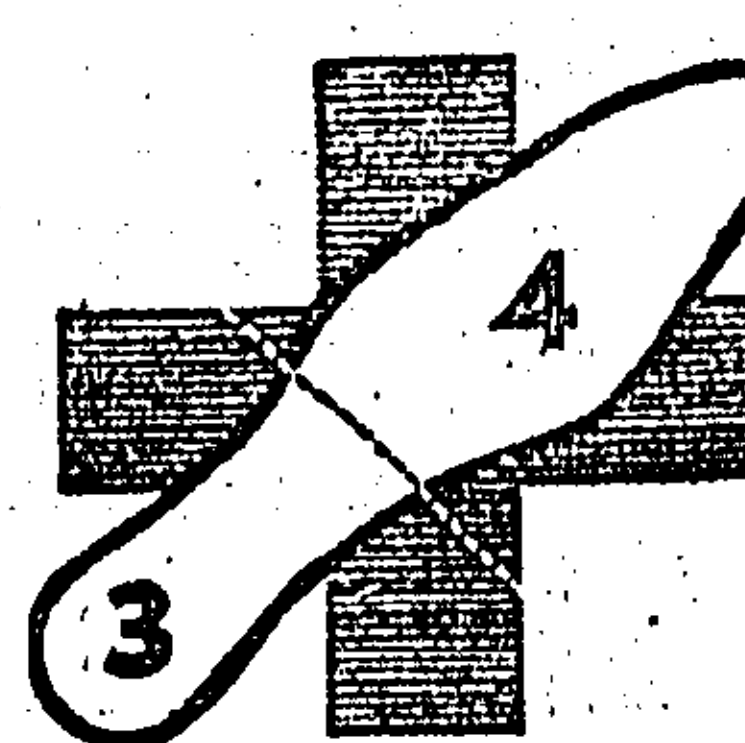
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Hamilton Fish, the Republican member of the House of Representatives, is proposing that £4,000,000 be spent for Finnish relief purposes.

The resolution he is putting forward provides that the money must be spent for the purchase and transport of food and clothing and not for armaments.

#### Italian Planes Returned

TALLINN, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Italian planes which were held up by the Nazi Government on their way through to Finland are to be returned to Italy.

The Nazis, it is understood, decided to return the planes as the result of strong representations by the Italian Government.



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## FRENCH WARNED TO CEASE SHIPMENTS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (UP).—Neutral diplomatic quarters confirm that the Japanese have notified the French authorities to cease munition shipments on the Yunnan railway on January 23.

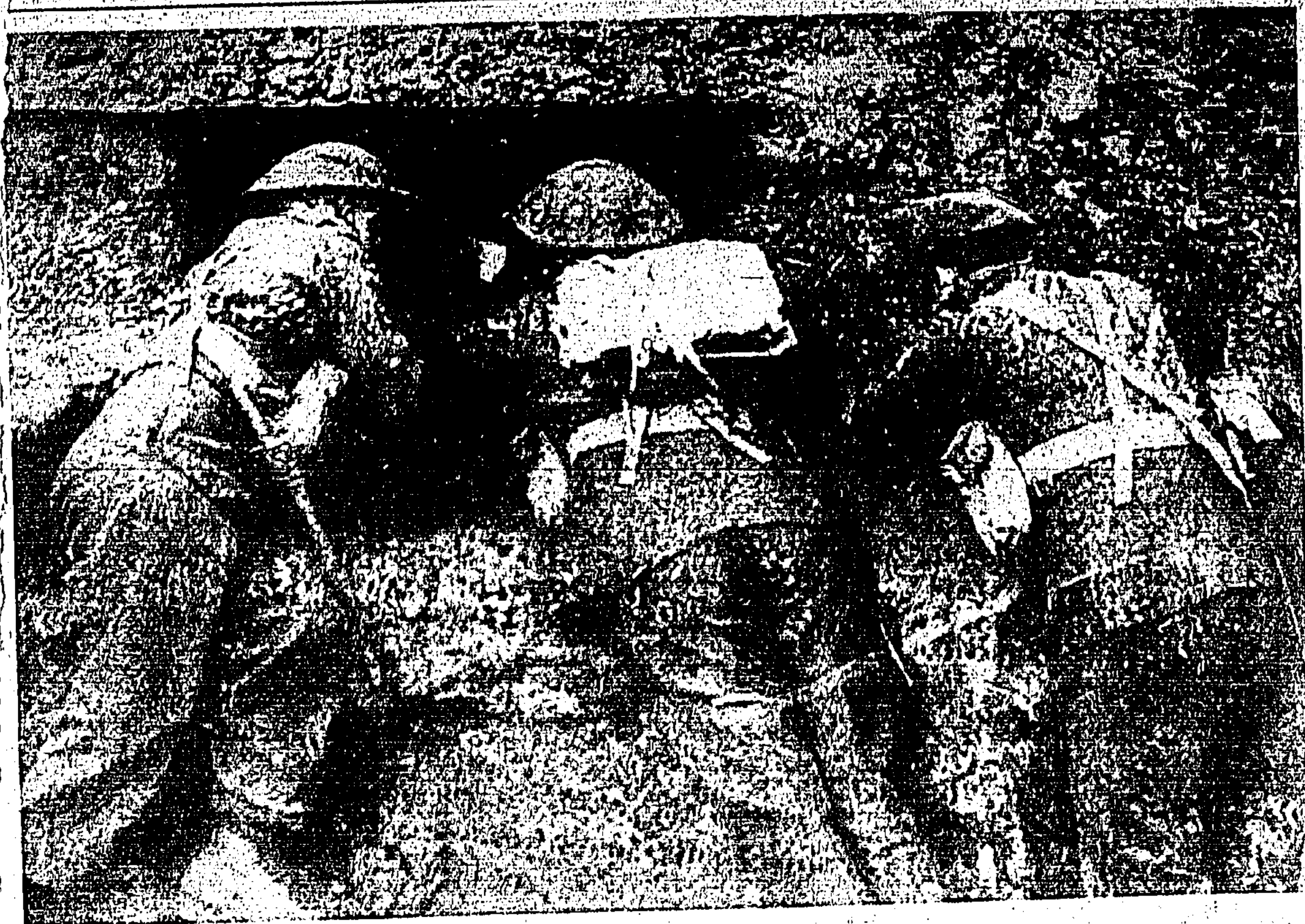
A Japanese Army spokesman said, "The situation is very delicate. I am unable to deny the report."

The French authorities also decline to comment.







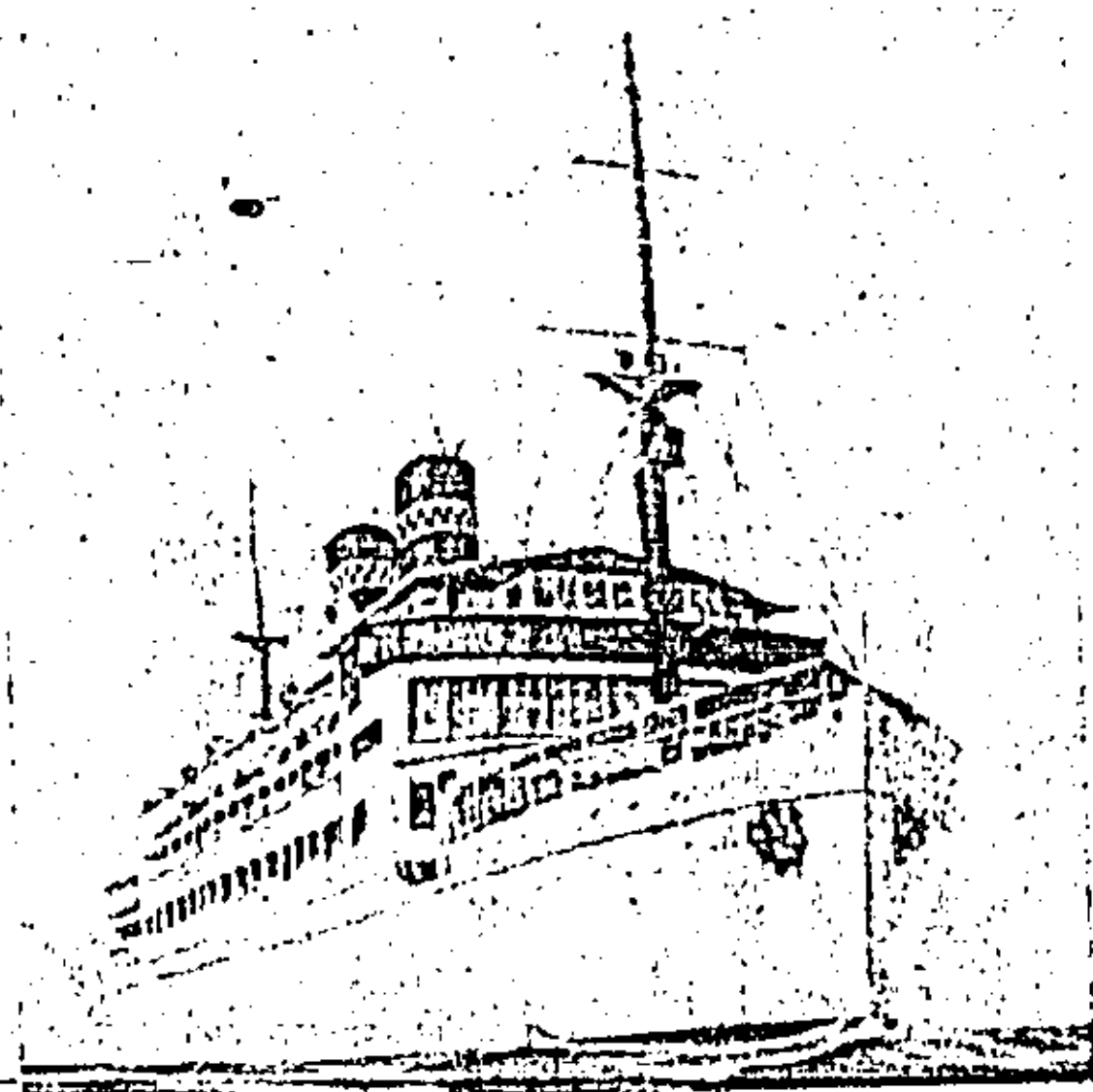


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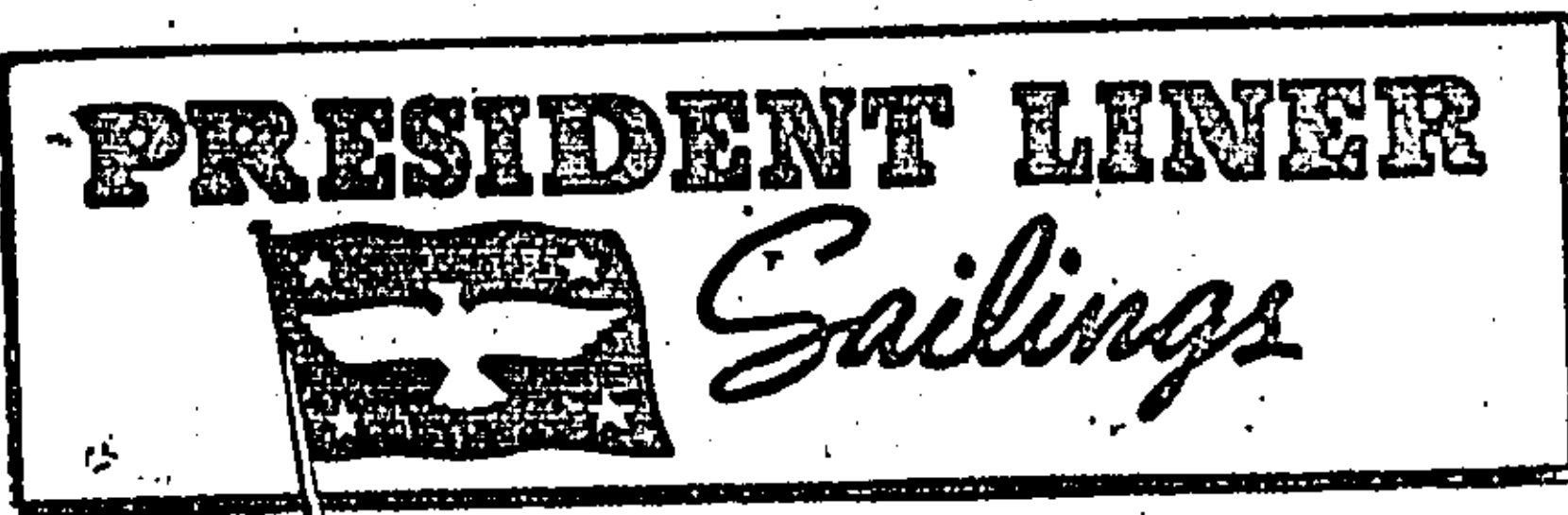
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

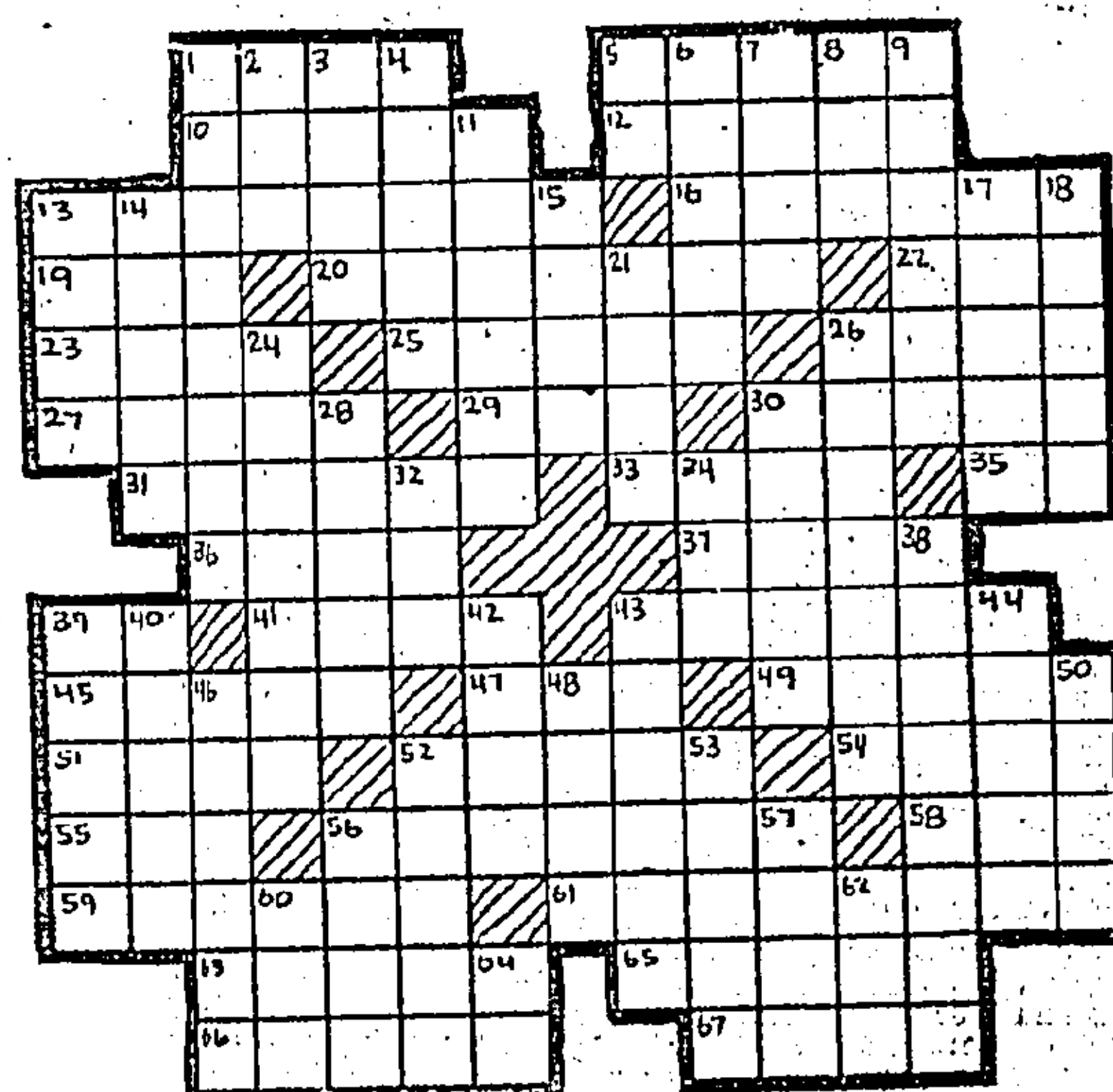
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Kind of duck
- Play
- King of Judea
- Former French Premier
- Cape
- Italian city
- Man's name
- One who refuses to work (coll.)
- Dance step
- Recently deposed European republic
- Triquetrum
- Wakes money
- Complete
- Spanish artist
- Shooting star
- Oracle
- Treasures of the earth
- Order to go
- Clatter stops
- Clan and
- Deer
- Church usher
- Stomach
- Strong liquor
- Bois d'Inde
- Honey wine
- Drop to knee
- Name meaning "no winner"
- North African ruler
- Expressed contempt
- Title of respect

DOWN

- Amusement houses
- Always (sporting)
- Talent
- Country chess
- Part of liver (abbr.)
- Large black bird
- Acoustic
- Human race
- Wink-looked
- Crust in clothes
- With wings
- Ward
- Small flat barge
- Spirit
- Footstep
- Compound ether
- Part of face
- Prefer
- Wild animal
- Spanish title
- Lord
- Short song
- Preceding
- State of statue
- Cuban dance
- Part of noble
- Amiable
- Turned sharply
- Grass herb
- Cuban wind
- Amorous look
- Gross
- Booming sound
- Victim of dread disease
- Verses
- Prize
- Waltz
- Oddest of mythical
- Boys (Scottish)



## PHOTONEWS

The banned song that all the troops are singing



BEFORE THE WAR "Even Hitler Has A Mother" was banned in England. Now it has become one of the war's most popular marches.

## THE R.A.F.'S POWER TO STRIKE BACK



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# STAY-AT-HOME HOUSECOAT HAS A NIGHT OUT

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IT'S taken the black-outs at home to make them leave their evening dresses hanging in the wardrobe along with the moth balls.

One of London's best known dressmakers took his autumn collection for a tour of the provinces. He found Englishwomen have made up their minds—evening dresses are out of the wartime picture. He said: "Women will not dress up in the evenings—not in even the most simple dinner frock. What they want are housecoats."

And there you have the key to the fashion picture this wartime winter—housecoats, housecoats and more housecoats.

HOUSECOATS, or, even worse, hostess gowns, as they sometimes get called, sound high-flying for you and me. But a description of my call-it-what-you-like would take three lines of type, starting off with breakfast robe through tea gown into evening wrap.

THE housecoat illustrated is made mainly of soft navy blue woollen. The front part of the bodice and the neat collar are scalloped on in cyclamen wool. The waist is small, the skirt full, and a zipp fastener closes it down the front. Strips of grey lamb make epaulettes and trim the skirt pockets.

## Cheese "Spreads"

The following "potted cheese" costs little to make and can take the place of butter when a savoury "spread" is required. In a cool, dry cupboard it will keep good for several months.

Grate a quarter of a pound of any sort of hard, dry cheese, mix it with a teaspoonful each of salt and pepper and a tablespoonful of vinegar, and stir till melted in two ounces of melted margarine. An egg yolk can be first rubbed into the margarine, if liked. Put the paste into a small dry pot, cover closely and use sparingly.

Cheese and lentil-paste is another spread worth trying. Fry half a pound of red lentils for two minutes in two ounces of dripping in a small pan, stirring briskly all the time. Add three gills of water, a teaspoonful of mixed herbs, a teaspoonful of salt and a saltspoonful of pepper. Stew until the lentils are soft and the mixture fairly dry. Then add two ounces of grated cheese, beat up, and turn into a pound jam jar.

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## Beware Of Damp

When the damp rainy weather comes it is necessary to take special precautions in the home.

To prevent your silver from becoming tarnished, rub it light with linseed oil on a piece of flannel after the silver has been cleaned in the usual way. Polish with a chamolite leather.

Brass knockers and letter-boxes take on a dull film during damp weather. Remove the film first by using a cloth dampened with methy-lated spirits. Then rub with metal polish in the ordinary way and you will find that the brass keeps its shine for several days.

Wire clothes lines become rusty very easily. Prevent this by giving yours a coat of white enamel. It is easy to wipe the enameled wire with a damp cloth before using, and the flimsiest garment can be hung out without fear of marking.

It is difficult to keep biscuits crisp in damp weather. If you put a teaspoonful of sugar in the tin when putting them away, they will keep fresh and crisp, for many days.

Damp cause salt to become lumpy in sifters. But if a few grains of rice are put in the empty sifter before the salt is added, this will prevent it getting clogged.

Wet weather plays havoc with your clothing, so take proper precautions. Care for Your Clothes.

Place coats and skirts on coat-hangers and hang where there is a good draught. When dry press on the wrong side with a hot iron. Furs must be shaken well as they are taken off. Then rub gently with a soft cloth and hang up.

A wet hat should be placed at once on a stand or stuffed with tissue paper and left on a table in a warm place. When it is dry brush it well. Be sure to remove any ornaments in your hats that may rust.

Damp and muddy stockings should be put in a bowl of soapy water as they are taken off, and left to soak for some hours. Then wash them in some fresh suds and dry as usual.

If your good winter coat gets splashed with mud, resist the instinct to wipe it off. You will only rub it in. Dry it thoroughly, then rub the material together to remove the caked mud. Brush vigorously to remove all traces of dust.

Macintoshes and waterproofs, on the other hand, can be sponged with clean cold water when they get muddy. Rub with a medium nail-brush in stubborn cases, and finish off with a rub over with a clean dry cloth. Hang your macintosh on a hanger in a draught, and if it is damp inside from the heat of your body, dry with a cloth.

Stuff your damp shoes with old newspaper instead of putting them before the fire. The paper will absorb the moisture and keep the shoes in good shape.

## Currant Bread

You need one pound of self rising flour and a piece of margarine the size of an egg. Put the flour into a basin with a pinch of salt, cut up the margarine and rub it well in. Add a teaspoonful of washed and dried currants and a little chopped candied peel. The currants must be dry; wrap them in a cloth after washing and then put them on a plate in front of the fire. If you like richer bread allow a few more currants and sultana.

Melt half a teaspoonful of bi-carbonate of soda in a cupful of milk, stir it into the flour mixture to form a soft dough that will not stick to the hands. Add more milk if necessary. Shape into two loaves and bake in a moderate oven.

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Office-Bearers for the Next Year Elected

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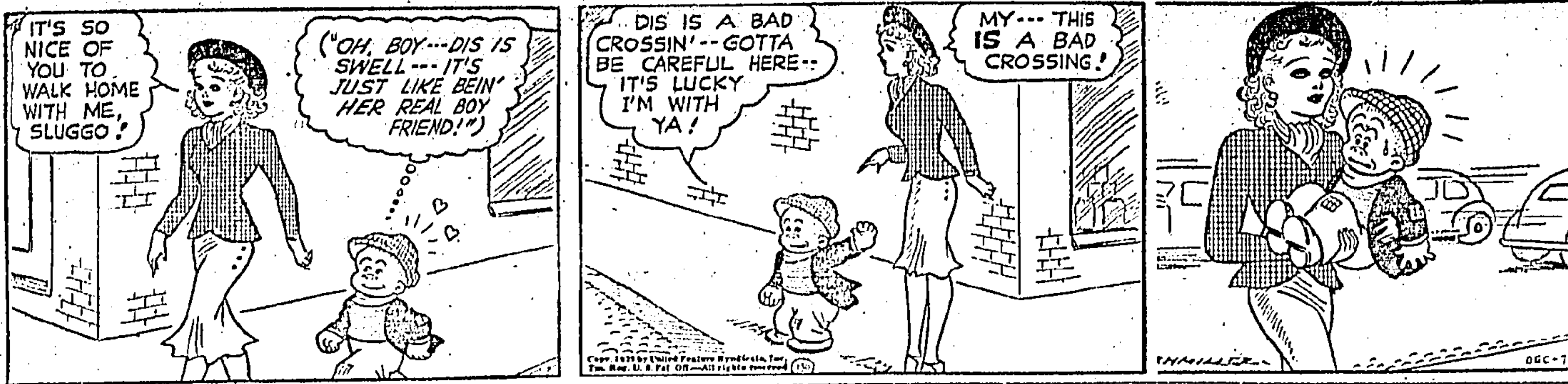
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Goodbye, Mr Chips

The Girl in the Mist

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CHIPS, of Brookfield School, is refused promotion after 20 years. On a Tyrol holiday he goes climbing, and loses his way. Suddenly he hears a girl calling in the fog.

AFTER an hour of climbing in the fog, feeling every step of his way, often loosening stones that bounded and tumbled into some hidden abyss below, Chipping drew himself carefully up on a narrow ledge.

Mist floated thickly past. Above his head was one of those mountain monuments begging the traveller to pray for the soul of one who had perished there.

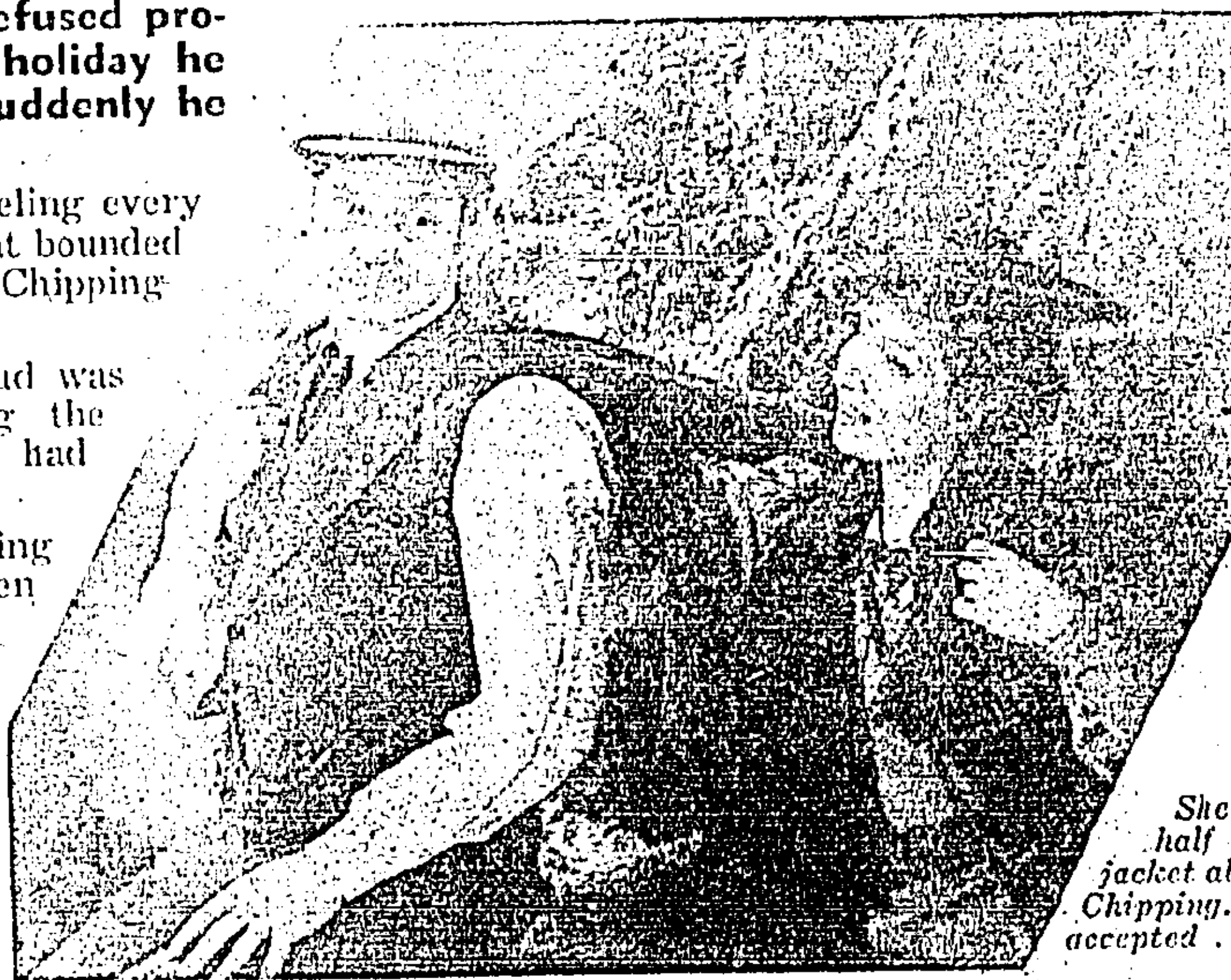
Giving it a grim, sidelong glance, Chipping continued on the slightly ascending ledge, often obstructed by outjutting rocks.

At one of the bends he halted to utter a stentorian "Hel-lo-o!"

"Hello!" answered a girl's voice so close that Chipping gave a startled jump.

"Why, well—er—I don't see you," he said, stepping around the bend.

"Here I am," said the voice quite close to him. He saw nothing but mist at first, but as he moved forward, the form of a fair, beautiful girl, wearing a dark dress and a feathered hat, looked at him.



She put half the jacket about Chipping. He accepted.

SHE was sitting on a low rock, a sandwich in her hand. "Hello, there! I thought I heard a voice."

"Are you all right?" he asked anxiously.

"Yes, quite, thanks. The mist is a nuisance, isn't it?"

"You're not in any danger?" There was unconscious indignation in Chipping's voice.

"No." Her eyes twinkled. "Do you mind?"

"No—no, of course not."

"You shouldn't be moving about, you know. It's awfully foolish of you."

"Foolish!" Chipping all but choked. "I—I heard you call. I thought you were in some difficulty."

"Don't tell me you climbed up here to rescue me!"

"As a matter of fact, I did," he responded humbly.

"Now, really, I should be very angry with you. Suppose you had fallen?"

"I must say I—"

"I never heard of such utter stupidity! Where were you?"

"On the Gamsteig."

"And you climbed up in that mist—to rescue me—when I'm probably a better climber than you are!"

"Then what were you screaming about?" he demanded.

"I wasn't screaming. I just let out a shout at random."

She pointed downwards and shuddered.

"When I think that road might have been paved with your good intentions! Really, it was idiotic of you—and rather wonderful!"

She gave him a sudden smile. "Not at all," he began uncomfortably.

"Anyhow, I'm awfully glad you came. It was going to be very lonely. Won't you sit down?"

"Er—thanks. Er—my name is Chipping—Charles Edward Chipping."

"Mine's Ellis—Katherine Ellis." She withdrew her hand from the pocket of the jacket. "Won't you have a sandwich? I've got loads of them."

"Well, thanks. I ate mine early. I am hungry."

"And I'm sorry I wasn't in any danger," she said contritely.

"It was rather inconsiderate of you," he agreed humbly as he took a sip at her, wondering at her youth and beauty.

"WHAT are you doing alone on a mountain? Isn't it rather unusual for a young lady?"

"I'm not usually alone. I have a friend at the inn."

"So have I. We're on a walking tour."

"Really? We're bicycling?"

"Bicycling? Through Austria?" He was incredulous. "Good heavens, I didn't know that ladies rode those awful things! With—er—a leg on each side of the saddle?"

"You don't imagine I'd ride side saddle, do you?"

"But what happens to . . . your dress?"

"Oh, they breed female bicycles now. Didn't you know?"

"I don't like all this rushing about on wheels. Human beings were never intended to go at such a speed! I suppose you think I'm old-fashioned?"

"I like men to be old-fashioned. Have another sandwich. We'll reserve the rest for emergencies. It's chilly, isn't it?"

She turned up her collar.

"Oh, I say—I should have thought of it. Here, take my coat. I'm rather too warm."

"I wouldn't think of it! Put it back on at once!"

"No, really, you must take it. I insist . . . please."

"Look here, why don't we share it? It's big enough for both of us." She started to put it about him.

"On this mountain? And what if they did? I insist. Look—like this. Catch hold of it."

SHE put half of the jacket about Chipping. He accepted, still and shy and dazzled.

They continued to sit there in the mist, now talking, now silent, until it grew dark, hoping the fog would lift.

But it still drifted about the marooned pair, giving them a spectral air. Chipping was sunk in reverie.

"A penny for your thoughts," said Katherine Ellis at length.

"Er—" he said, started. "As a matter of fact, I was thinking about you. I see very little of ladies at Brookfield. I was rather realising what I had missed."

"If I may say so, Mr. Chipping, I think the ladies have missed a great deal, too."

"That's very kind of you, but I'm really not a ladies' man."

"Afraid of them?"

"Terrified!" he replied half-humorously.

"Not of me, I hope?"

"Not up here in the clouds—perhaps the altitude has gone to my head. But if I'd met you at the inn—"

"Because I'm a strong-minded female who rides a bicycle and wants the vote?"

"No, on the contrary—because—because you are so very nice looking, I think—and charming."

"And so are you, Mr. Chipping, frankly."

"Good heavens!" he cried aghast. "No one has ever called me that!"

At her gay laugh he pondered a moment, tickled at being called charming.

"What extraordinary ideas come into one's head up here! Do you experience a sort of exhilaration?"

"Definitely. It's the altitude."

"It's as though we owned the mountains. We're pretty superior persons."

"We're gods."

"Up here there's no time," he said, gravely now, "no growing old—nothing lost."

"We're young," said Katherine softly. "We believe in ourselves," he said.

"We've faith in the future." It was a sort of antiphonal chant.

they leave school and the world gets hold of them.

"I don't see how you can ever get old in a world that's always young."

"I never really thought of it in that way. When you talk about it, you make it sound exciting and heroic."

"It is."

"And the schoolmaster—is he exciting and heroic, too?"

"I've met only one—a reckless person who climbed the Glockner in a mist to—"

"His intense gaze stopped her."

"Is my nose shiny?"

"There's a light on your face—a strange light."

The moonlight had fallen on her face and gave it a striking beauty.

"Look at the lights in the valley. The mist has lifted!"

They stood up. "Yes," he said, and paused. "We can go down now."

"Yes . . . I'm almost sorry. It was an adventure, wasn't it? I wonder if we're not leaving it behind us."

"Will you—er—take my hand? It's rather tricky just here."

She took his hand and they started to descend the mountain.

TO-MORROW: Blue Danube.

MANILA COUPLE WED

Two well-known members of Manila's British community, with many friends in Hongkong and Shanghai, were married at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar.

They were Mr. Richard Charles Deane, chartered accountant, and Miss Joan Margot Sibbald. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Richard I. Dobson, Mr. H. F. Phillips and Mrs. R. B. Phillips.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1890. A prominent Welshman has drafted an elaborate scheme for a Welsh Parliament.

Magnolia Rifles have been issued to the troops at Aldershot.

The great gloomy hall of the \$500,000 Victoria College was put to its first public use this morning, on the occasion of the annual prize-distribution by H.E. the Governor, Sir G. W. de Vaux.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1915. Archbishop Kavovsky has sent a telegram to Valens stating that the Germans operating in Poland are systematically using Catholic churches as positions for their military stores, wireless stations, etc., as the result whereof many have been destroyed. The Archbishop points out that the same danger threatens the old Cathedral of Cracow, which contains the relics of St. Stanislaus, and begs the Pope for his protection.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1930. A sharp controversy is taking place between the Vatican and Signor Mussolini concerning the education of children. The controversy originated in June, soon after the signing of the Lateran Treaty.

Douglas Fairbanks is the star of "Don Q. Son of Zorro" now showing at the World Theatre.

5 YEARS AGO

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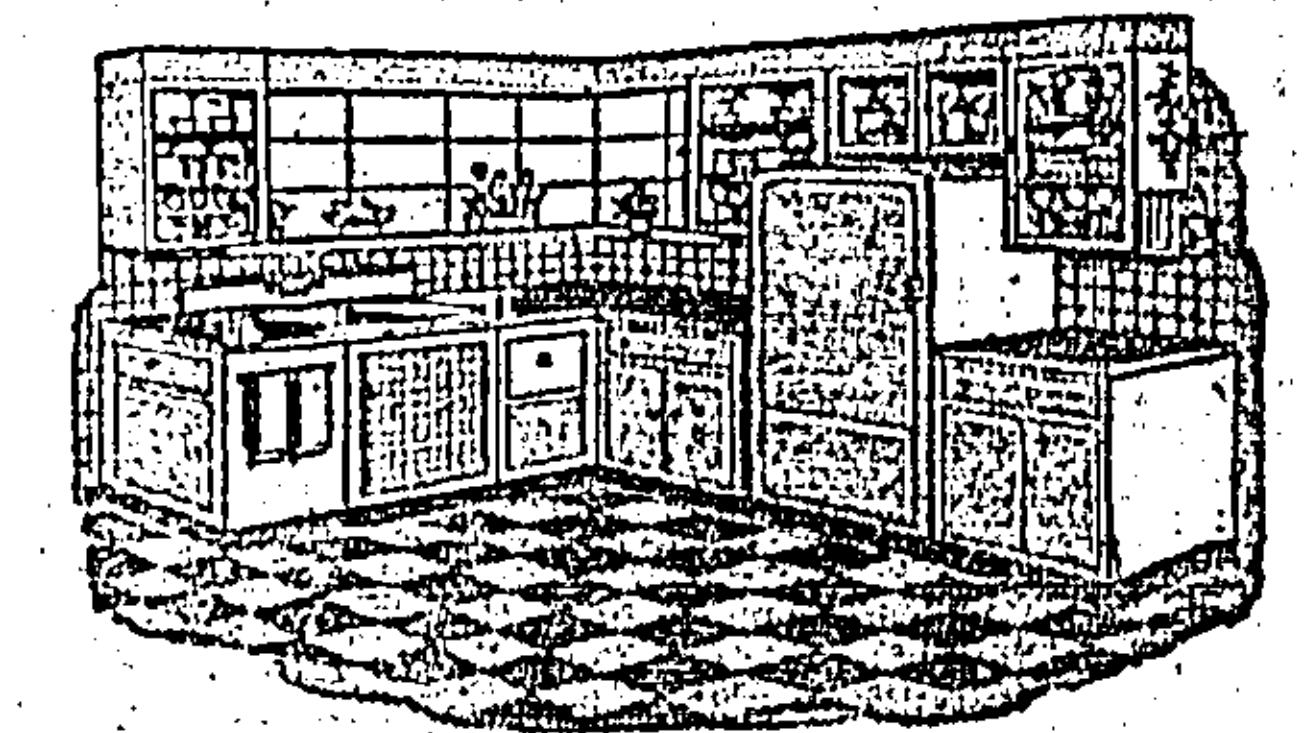
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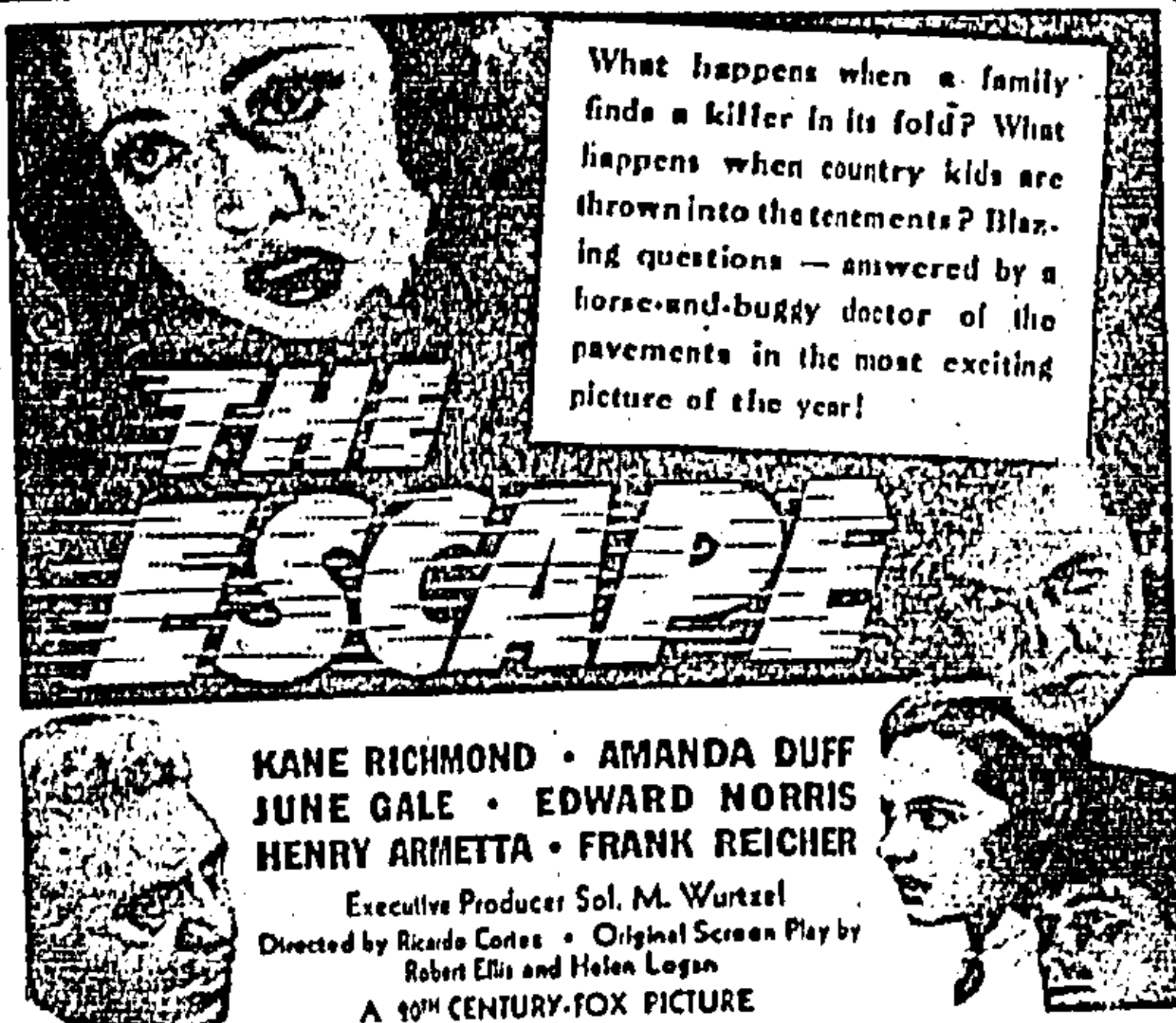
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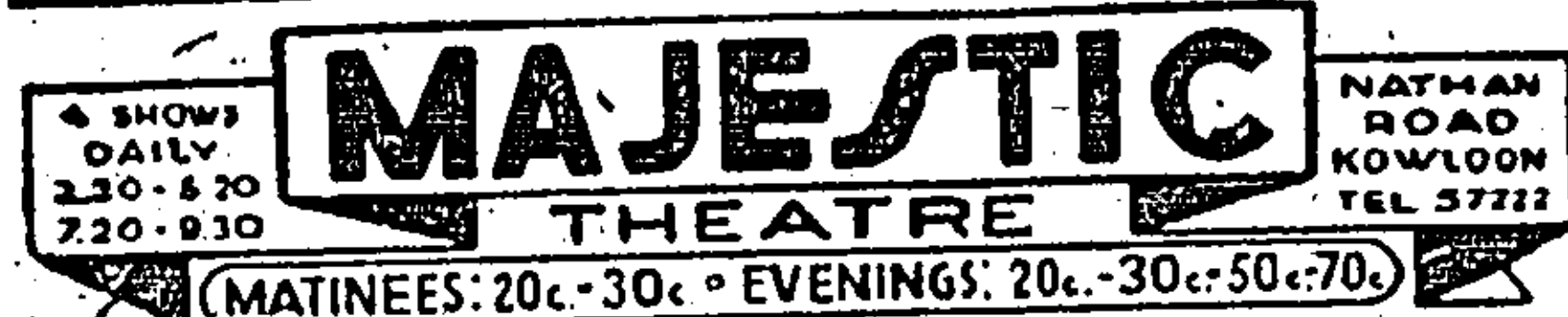
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### Ex-Nazi Not Believed

DETROIT—Kurt Wilhelm Ludecke, author of the book "I Knew Hitler" and by his own admission a former agent of the Nazi Party in the United States, is having more than ordinary difficulty convincing Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle that he is entitled to American citizenship.

For nearly eight hours, with only one five-minute recess, Judge Tuttle fired questions at Mr. Ludecke and then adjourned the hearing until Dec. 18 to allow Mr. Ludecke to appear with counsel and "all the witnesses you want."

With a copy of Mr. Ludecke's book and a sheaf of notes gleaned from reading it, Judge Tuttle challenged Mr. Ludecke's sincerity in professing to have turned away from Nazism.

"The fact that I was imprisoned (in a Nazi concentration camp) and then I escaped and wrote the book proves that I am through with the Nazi Party," Mr. Ludecke contended.

### Essay Competition

#### League Of Nations Prizes Presented

Presentation of prizes for the League of Nations Essay Competition was made in the Great Hall of St. Stephen's Girls' School yesterday by Mr. S. V. Boxer.

Mr. Boxer spoke on the present European war, and said it was not essentially a fight between "Totalitarianism and Democracy," though one had to admit that the spirit which impels for freedom tends to wilt under the one form and flourish under the other; the real issue is on a plane higher than mere forms of State. It is a struggle between two opposing views of the ultimate function of the State, and it is a question whether the State exists for the citizens or the citizens for the State.

The results were:

Chinese students—1. Lin Thuan-koo (St. Stephen's); 2. Chiu Hsing-mui (True Light); 3. Lei Kwing-tan (King's College); 4. Lam Fung-hoi (Pool To); 5. Tse-kon (Commenced); 6. Tang Chi-pai (St. Stephen's); 7. Li Man-kin (King's); 8. Mak Yam-tang (St. Stephen's); 9. Li Pui-sun (Neumath); 10. Tang Chiu-ying (True Light).

English students—1. Mona Shand (D.S.); 2. Emilio Chan Aguilar (La Salle); 3. George Ralner (D.S.); 4. Richard George Labrum (C.B.S.); 5. Sarwar Khan (Queen's); 6. Lily Bhungara (D.S.); 7. Chung Shiu-che (St. Stephen's); 8. Commanded—Cheng Yu-tam (St. Stephen's); 9. Phyllis Moul (D.S.); 10. R. M. Arab (Queen's).

### LATE NEWS

AS Regimental Sergeant-Major A—, of the Canadian Active Service Force, walked across a barrack-square with me at Aldershot he said: "I came here to train with my six brothers last time. It hasn't changed much."

It was like watching boys settling down to school again after the holidays to see this vanguard of the Canadian Force spreading out their kit on the shelves and lockers used by their fathers and brothers twenty-five years ago.

A few old hands like Regimental Sergeant-Major A— could even point out to me their old lockers, says a correspondent.

The youngsters were just as thrilled. Almost every other one I spoke to seemed to have relatives here.

When I went into one messroom there were cries from all over the room:

"Say, is Acton in London? I've got an aunt there."  
"I've got a sister in Birmingham. Is that far?"  
"How long does it take to get to Edinburgh? Mum told me to go and see her sister."

THE secrecy that was necessary for their Atlantic crossing had prevented them from telling relatives that they were coming to England. Some families who live round Aldershot had the surprise of their lives to-day when nephews and brothers-in-law from Canada walked into their homes.

INFORMALITY is the telegraphic address of this 1039 Canadian Army. The major I saw first at the barracks said: "Make yourself at home. Go anywhere you like, and talk to any one you like."

With half a dozen privates in the room their commanding officers said to me: "We've a nice bunch of boys over here with us. Don't run away with the idea that they are a lot of deadbeats who joined the Army only because they could not get a job. Some were earning £2 a day. In the Army they get one dollar thirty cents a day [5s. 9d.]."

The major did not tell me that he gave up a £2,500-a-year job to serve.

I MET cowboys, farmers, real estate men, foresters, prospectors, and two of the famous "Mounties." One of them was Lance-Corporal W. I pictured him, scarlet-coated, riding his horse through the wilds.

But Lance-Corporal W. did most of his patrolling by car. "I haven't ridden a horse for years." I was getting used to this modesty. Further questions gave me the "admission": "Yes, I have done a couple of months' patrol in the north occasionally, and that meant travelling by dog team and sleeping in snow igloos made by Eskimo guides—but they're the cosiest places in the world."

CAPTAIN DE P— was up in the frozen north—"where not a darn thing grows"—when he received a radio message to tell him that war had broken out. He was "there with a bunch of boys surveying mineral claims for a mining company."

His commanding officer, 3,000 miles away in Winnipeg, had a message sent to the radio operator of an air line company. The operator travelled fifteen miles to give him the news.

"We went back to the radio station, radioed for a plane, and I flew 300 miles south to the first railway junction."

CORPORAL S— looks like a cowboy movie hero—tall, lean, good-looking, speaks in a slow, attractive drawl.

"Sure, I was a cow-puncher," he said. He had also prospected for gold.

Sitting gravel at the bottom of a stream he collected 40 dollars [£80] worth of gold in one week. "But that was my lucky week. There were plenty of weeks when I never made four bucks [10/-]."

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of the Canadian Active Service Force, walked across a

### INVENTOR TELLS OF DEATH-RAY

OAKLAND.—The United States already has a death ray available for war and facilities for manufacturing thousands of airplanes in days, rather than in months or years, Albert G. Burns, president of the Inventors of America, has revealed.

"What America can do in these respects as well as in thousands of others will be made public, he said, at the annual convention of the association."

The airplane of the future will be made from plastic material, he indicated, and will be molded instead of being built piece by piece.

"Turning out thousands of planes a day, is not a dream," Burns insisted. "We know how to use plastic materials and we can pour out—like waffles."

Burns, 51 years old, is the inventor of the sawtooth bread knife and various kinds of automobile locks.

Just returned from Lakewood, O., to complete arrangements for the annual convention and demonstration of the inventions of the inventors of America, Burns declared:

"The death ray that has been perfected at Lakewood is already effective in the killing of dogs, cats and mice instantly. I witnessed the demonstration there and the development of this ray has war potentialities in it."

On his trip east, Burns collected a large number of the latest inventions and gadgets that will be exhibited at the convention.

Among these is a perpetual motion rat trap, invented by a Minnesota man. The trap is a little box filled with mirrors. A piece of cheese hangs from the roof.

When a rat peeks in, it sees only the reflections of the piece of cheese, so numerous as to make it think it would be a perpetual rat's banquet. When the rodent dashes in, the trap springs, and all that is necessary is to remove the body and the trap is ready for the next rat.

### Knot Experts Travel World

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—John Hensel and Roaul Graumont are experts when it comes to "knotty problems."

Between them they have tied thousands of knots, some of them so intricate they have required days of study and patience to complete.

Hensel claims to have duplicated the baffling Gordian knot which was so cleverly made that both ends of the rope were concealed and defied undoing.

Both Hensel and Graumont travelled the world to pursue their hobby of rope-making and knot-tying. In all they have a collection of 3,200, no two of which are alike.

According to Hensel, there are only 310 orthodox knots, the simplest of which were used almost from the beginning of time.

looking, speaks in a slow, attractive drawl.

"Sure, I was a cow-puncher," he said. He had also prospected for gold.

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AIRCRAFT ACTIVE

London, Jan. 11. The Air Ministry announced at 12.30 p.m. "Enemy aircraft crossed the coast near Newcastle shortly after 10 a.m. to-day. No bombs were dropped. Fighter patrols were sent up and anti-aircraft guns opened fire. The enemy aircraft were driven out to sea. One house was slightly damaged by anti-aircraft shell splinters."—British Wireless.

Raids Along Coast

London, Jan. 11. Considerable aerial activity was noticed from towns on the south-east coast of Scotland before noon to-day.

Three large black planes, believed to be German, were chased out to sea by British fighters.

Shrapnel fell in the streets of South Shields when a high flying enemy aircraft was driven off by gunfire.

People in the streets of a Kentish town heard distant heavy gunfire at about 1 p.m. but no planes were seen.

On the Essex coast anti-aircraft guns were also in action against unidentified aircraft flying eastwards at a high altitude over the Thames Estuary. No fires were sounded and no bombs were dropped.

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# R.A.F. Machines Repulse Attacks On Firth Of Forth, Humber And Thames Areas

## NAZI PLANES ATTACK WIDE AREA OVER BRITISH ISLES

IN BRIGHT WINTER SUNSHINE, SAYS A "REUTER" MESSAGE, GERMAN WARPLANES MADE THE MOST EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE RAIDS OF THE WAR OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY.

No bombs were dropped, but crowds in many places stood spell-bound as they watched the bursts of anti-aircraft shrapnel around the raiders.

In several places large crowds saw British fighters ascend to give combat to the enemy, who fled out to sea as soon as the R.A.F. machines appeared.

### Nazi Air 'Blitzkrieg' Imminent? Widest Activity Of The War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Jan. 11 (UP).—The widespread reconnaissance flights by German planes over England and Scotland yesterday has increased fears that the off-threatened Nazi aerial "blitzkrieg" is imminent.

Further details of the raids have now been issued.

They disclose that three Spitfire pursuit planes—the fastest machines in the R.A.F.—saw three freighters from Nazi planes in the North Sea.

The action occurred while the Germans, in what is the widest aerial activity of the war so far, roamed along the east coasts of England and Scotland, attacking small vessels, photographing the terrain and dodging vigorous R.A.F. and A.A. counter-attacks.

The Spitfire fighters, patrolling the Norfolk coast, sighted the German bombers circling fifty feet above the freighters.

The Hindenburg hurriedly dropped its nest of bombs and fled in an easterly direction.

**"Gave Him Several Bursts"**

As the crews of the freighters shouted themselves hoarse, the British planes gave chase.

From there on a R.A.F. pilot takes up the story:

"We kept on the German's tail and tenaciously followed him until he was forty miles out at sea."

"We gave him several bursts from our machine-guns."

"Then he dived to the sea, with smoke pouring out of his tail, one of his wings crumpling, and his port motor out of action."

Several other actions of a similar nature are being reported and tabulated by the Air Ministry.

**Syll Damage Confirmed**

Confirmation of the reports of the damage to the Hindenburg Dam during yesterday's raids is now to hand.

The barrage joins German Jutland with the island of Sylt, and carries in addition to a highway, a railway connection.

Eye-witnesses in Toender, the Danish border town, now report that the R.A.F. machines scored hits on the barrage.

The first German admission of the R.A.F. raid on Sylt was made by the German official news agency in a report this morning. It said: "The only British success during the raid was the dropping of bombs on the Danish island of Roem."

**West Front Dog-Fight**

An official German communiqué also reports a major dog-fight on the Western Front, in which nine R.A.F. bombers of the Bristol Blenheim type were engaged by Messerschmidt pursuit planes.

The German version claims that three of the British machines were shot down. It is officially admitted that one German machine was lost.

**Paderewski Back In Harness**

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—M. Ignacius Paderewski, the well-known pianist and former Premier of Poland, who was appointed first member of the Polish Council of State, has arrived at Angers, the headquarters of the Polish Government.

#### OFFICIAL VERSION

The official Air Ministry communiqué, quoted by "United Press," says of the raids:

"Enemy planes appeared over the Firth of Forth, the Humber, the Thames and several east coast cities to-day."

"All the attacks were repulsed. No bombs were dropped."

Among the cities visited by the Nazi raiders were Newcastle and Cullercoats.

### PUBLIC TO OBTAIN GAS-MASKS

H.K. Government To Sell At Cost Price

The Hongkong Government has decided to obtain a certain number of General Civilian Respirators in order that members of the general public might be given an opportunity to purchase them from Government at cost price.

In pursuance of this policy, it is now desired to obtain the names of all those members of the community who wish to purchase a General Civilian Respirator.

It is not anticipated that it will be necessary to place the cost of this respirator at more than \$2.50.

In order that the authorities may be in a position to ascertain the number of persons requiring respirators, a form—No. G.C.R.I., has been forwarded to all Divisional and District Police Stations throughout the Colony, and will be placed in boxes provided for the purpose on Tuesday, January 18. Any person desirous of registering his or her name with a view to purchasing a respirator should apply either personally to the District in which he lives, or in writing to the Director of Air Raid Precautions, A.R.P. Department, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, for Form No. G.C.R.I., which should be completed and forwarded to the Director of Air Raid Precautions.

As the information desired by the authorities can all be included on a single form, it is only necessary to obtain and complete one form for the whole of your household or factory.

When these forms have been returned to the A.R.P. Department, applicants will be asked to attend at places which will be specified at a later date, in order that the respirators can be fitted and exact sizes noted. They will then be handed receipt vouchers to be exchanged for respirators when issue is made.

It is not proposed to issue these respirators until the actual necessity arises; meanwhile Government is prepared to keep them in safe custody in a store specially erected to prevent deterioration. Should, however, any member of the Public desire to retain his respirator, he is at liberty to do so, but Government cannot take any responsibility as to its subsequent efficiency, neither can they agree to store a respirator once it has been issued.

Should the occasion arise, the respirators will be distributed to various depots throughout the Colony, and members of the public who have booked respirators will be instructed where to draw them on production of their receipt vouchers.

Three planes participated in the raid on the Newcastle area. Six R.A.F. pursuit planes immediately took to the air and drove the raiders out to sea.

Three Nazi bombers which appeared over Scotland were also chased out to sea when R.A.F. machines offered combat shortly after noon.

A single plane appeared over Cullercoats and was driven off by intense anti-aircraft fire.

**Attacks On Ships**

German machines continued their attacks on merchantmen in the North Sea.

The R.A.F. came to the rescue of a steamer which was being attacked off the coast of Scotland.

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### Slab Of Cement No-Man's Land!

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (UP).—Finnish soldiers on the northern front who had established themselves in a well-camouflaged underground machine-gun nest heard a noise on the roof of their hideout.

One of the Finns cautiously crawled through the tunnel leading to the pill-box to investigate.

He almost dropped dead with fright.

Standing atop the pill-box were some Russians, busily establishing a machine-gun nest of their own.

The Finn crawled back to warn his comrades below.

They crept out of their concrete prison and, sneaking up behind the Russians, let fly with their hand-grenades.

### Gallant Fight To Save Life

Sailor, Brought Here By Plane, Dies In Hospital

FLOWN down from Chungking by C. N. A. C. plane, on December 19 to receive special treatment, Stoker Harry Ruble, 30, never rallied from his illness.

He died in the Royal Naval Hospital at 10.15 a.m. yesterday.

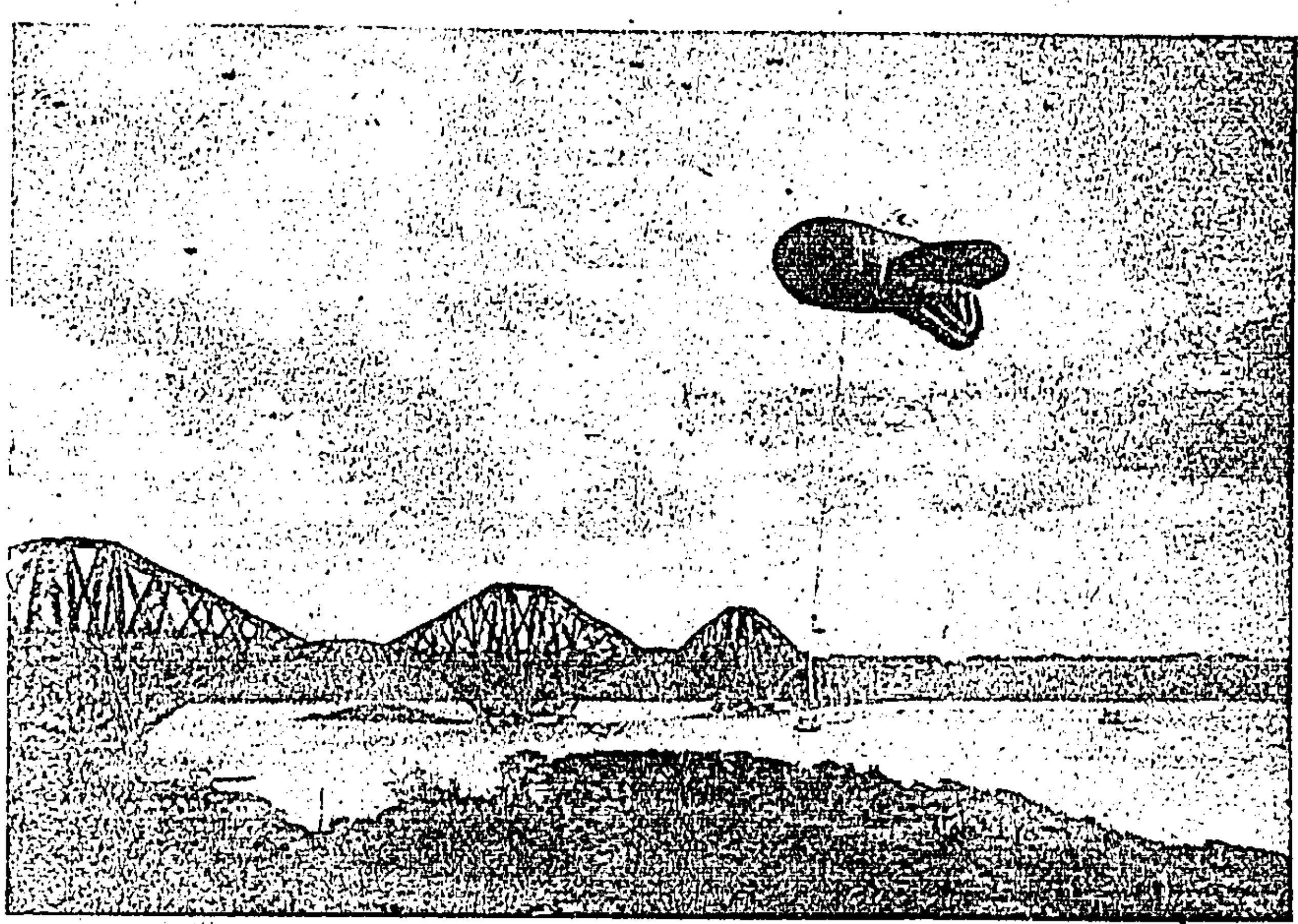
Ruble was stricken while on a British gunboat on the Yangtze. He was brought down to Hongkong by Surgeon Commander Nicholson who was sent up by plane for the patient.

Oxygen had to be administered during the flight from Chungking.

Deceased was buried at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning, with full Naval honours.

A number of officers and ratings from H. M. ships were also present.

Wreaths were received from Vice-Admiral, Yangtze; Commander-in-Chief, Officers and men of H. M. Ships, China Station, Hongkong; and Captain and Officers, Ship's Company, of H. M. ships in Port.



A VIEW AT THE FORTH BRIDGE SHOWING PART OF THE BALLOON BARRAGE.

### Crowds Watch Italian Liner Blow Up

## "MINENKRIEG" WAR CLAIMS FURTHER NEUTRAL VICTIMS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A steamer, believed to be Italian, struck a mine off an east coast town to-day.

Crowds on the promenade saw the vessel burst into flames.

A life-boat rescued the crew of 30 and the English pilot.

### Denish Steamers Escape

#### Sweden To Honour Obligations

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The two Danish steamers, Feddy and Ivan Kondrup, both of which were at first reported to have been sunk by German aircraft in the North Sea, have arrived at a north-east coast port.

**Attack On Trawler Fails**

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Two German bombers made an unsuccessful attempt to sink a trawler on the east coast of Scotland.

They flew low, machine-gunning the vessel, and also dropped a few bombs. They scored no direct hits, though slight damage was done by splinters and bullets.

Upon the approach of British fighters, the German planes flew out to sea and the trawler returned to port.

**Danish Protest**

ROME, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—According to a Copenhagen telegram, the Danish Government has instructed its Minister in Berlin to lodge a protest with the German Government against the air attack on two Danish ships, the Feddy and Ivan Kondrup.

**Nazi Ship Hit Iceberg**

REYKJAVIK, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Sixty-two men of the German steamer, Bahia Blanca, 8,558 tons, which struck an iceberg 60 miles off Iceland, are being brought here by an Icelandic trawler.

The Bahia Blanca sailed from Rio de Janeiro with a cargo of coffee and minerals just before Christmas in an attempt to break the blockade.

She was reported to be captured by a British cruiser but the report was not confirmed in London.

**New Mine Victim**

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The latest victim of German mines is the 7,000 ton tanker, El Oso, which blew up when she was struck off the west coast.

Three of her crew of 36 were killed.

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### Nazi Liner Scuttled In S. Atlantic

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAPETOWN, Jan. 11 (UP).—The German Liner Ussukuma, 7,834 tons, was scuttled in the South Atlantic after being intercepted by a British warship.

The crew was taken aboard the warship and landed at Capetown. They will be interned at Pretoria.

### WAR IN FINLAND

## MORE REDS TRAPPED

18,000 Marooned On Central Front

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—There is reason to believe that yet another Russian force is in a tight corner in Northern Finland.

Finnish ski patrols have cut the main road from Salla and Cernijarvi to Salmijarvi at several places, thus marooning a force of about 18,000 Russians who are believed to be some 20 miles in front of the point which has been cut.

The Russians would appear to be in an unenviable position, with the Finns advancing upon them from the south and down the centre, both flanks and down the centre.

It is reported that the Russians are rushing up between 35,000 and 40,000 reinforcements from the railroad of Kandalaksk.

**Attack On Coast?**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (UP).—A series of heavy far-away detonations were distinctly heard this afternoon from the south coast, and the southwest. The noise was supposed to be the firing of the heavy coastal batteries, although there has been no announcement of any attack, and no alarm was sounded.

One Russian General was killed, and 40 officers, including one Colonel, were taken prisoner in the rout of the 44th Red division.

**General's Disgrace**

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—According to the correspondent of "The Telegraph" in Copenhagen.

## America has 70 per cent. of all the gold ALLIES RESERVES STAGGERING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—As a result of the war in Europe, the United States now holds almost 70 per cent. of the world's gold reserves.

Imports of gold from overseas during 1939 exceeded exports by the colossal total of \$893,250,000, compared with \$493,250,000 in the preceding year.

In December alone, imports exceeded exports by \$112,731,250.

As a result of this amazing flight of gold across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the monetary gold stock in the United States on December 31 had reached the unprecedented total of \$4,410,750,000.

Of this total, \$380,000,000 is held in gold coins, and the remainder is in the form of gold bars, principally those at war with Germany.

The world's total gold reserves amount to \$26,000,000,000, of which \$23,000,000,000 belongs to the United States, \$2,000,000,000 to the United Kingdom, \$500,000,000 to France and only \$7,000,000 to Germany.

All of the British Dominions, individually have higher gold reserves than Germany.

The world's gold reserve had increased by \$400,000,000 since the end of the Great War.

December receipts in the United States from the leading exporting nations were:

Canada	\$77,000,000
Netherlands	7,750,000
Japan	5,000,000
Sweden	4,750,000
United Kingdom	2,500,000
Philippines	100,000

Silver imports during 1939 totalled \$21,250,000, compared with \$272,250,000 in the preceding year. The largest imports during December were from Mexico.

### BRITAIN TO BUY FROM AUSTRALIA

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wireless).—The Ministry of Food announced to-day that they have entered into an agreement with the Australian Wheat Board to purchase 1,650,000 tons of wheat and flour. Arrangements for shipment are in hand and loading has commenced.

The Ministry of Food is taking complete control of all meat supplies in the country on January 15. Meat rationing, however, will not take effect until a later date.

### LATEST

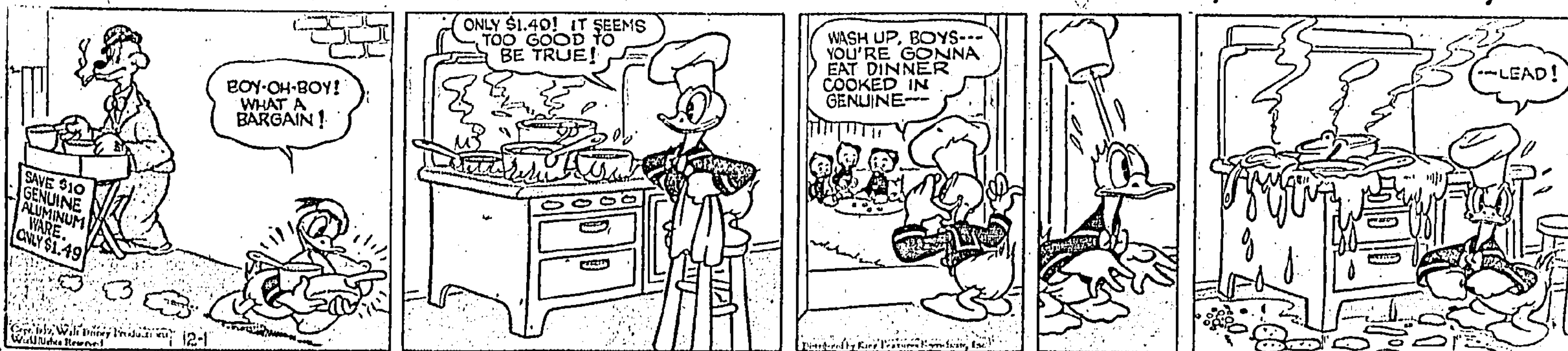
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Val Rosling (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band. Wine Song, Happy, I'm Happy, A Little Door, A Little Lock, A Little Key, A Penny In My Pocket, Val Rosling, Remembrance, Where The Mountains Meet The Sea, Piano-Accordion Band. Avalon, Val Rosling, All Ashore, Goodbye To Summer, Piano-Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance." 2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An hour with Brahms. Variations On A Theme By Haydn ("St. Antoni Choral"), Op. 56A, Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini. Eintracht, Op. 63, No. 2, Van Eywig Lieke, Op. 43, No. 1, Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano. Sonata In F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1, Lionel Tertis (Viola) and Harriet Cohen (Piano); Brahms Waltzes, Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Selections from "Home and Beauty" "Ball At The Savor," "Careless Rapture" and "The Town Talks."

7.30 London Relay—"The News."

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Music of Purcell. A Trumpet Voluntary. Six Horns in Harmony. The Fire Queen. Three Dances. The Jacques String Orchestra cond. by Reginald Jacques.

8.12 Studio Recital by Viola Morris and Victoria Anderson, England's Famous Two-Part Singers.—It was a Lover and His Lass (Thomas Morley), April in My Mistress' Feet (Thomas Morley), When Spring with its Joy (Cecilia Noyce) and Shepherds (Purcell). Solos by Victoria Anderson (Contralto).—In Quest of Tomba (Beethoven), Over the Mountains (Air from "Mussik's Regeneration") 1652, Mr. Roger Quilter), Solos by Viola Morris (Soprano).—My Lovely Celia (Mona), The Cuckoo, English Folk Song (arr. Cecil Sharp), The Kerry Dance (arr. Alice Rowley), After Water (arr. Moffatt), Le coeur de ma mie (Jacques Dalernez), O Whistle, and I'll come to you my lad, (arr. Maurice Jacobson).

8.45 Orchestral Selections. Mrs. Merrills, "London Again" Suite (Eric Coates), London Palladium Orchestra. Two Symphonic Rhapsodies (Eric Coates), I pitch my lovely Caravan, Bird songs at eventide I heard you singing, Now Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 J. H. Squire Celeste Oetel. My Sweetheart When A Boy, Silver Threads Among The Gold, Memories Of Devon.

9.55 Pathon—Facade Suite No. 2. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.

10.00 Studio—"The Beauty of England"—A. East Anglia. The fourth of a series of talks by the Very Rev. The Dean of Hongkong.

10.25 Light Orchestra and Vocal Variety. When I Think Of You, This Lovely Rose, W. Brownlow (Burlington), Round the Roundabout, Snow Man, Now Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. A Song Of Thanksgiving, Sweet and Low, Basil Ackland (Contralto), Offspring Can, Steaming Polkas, Light Symphony Orchestra. I Know Of Two Bright Eyes, Ely Mavourneen, Heddie Nash (Tenor), Drury Lane Memories.

11.00 Close Down.

ME NO WOR-RY ME NO CARE Ay! Ay! Ay!

ME GO MAR-RY MIL-LIONARE Ay! Ay! Ay!

## Nick Korin's "Boys" Composed This Song

NIC KORIN, LEADER OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL'S POPULAR SWING BAND, IS TO INTRODUCE A NEW NUMBER IN THE GRIPPS ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

It has been composed by two members of his Band. So far, it has not received a title. But it certainly has everything.

## SMART GIRLS GROW UP

Deanna's First (Film) Kiss

DEANNA DURBIN, now aged 17, has had her first film kiss.

The other day she relaxed in the arms of 20-year-old Robert Stack, and the cameras made Durbin history.

One faction urged that Deanna had earned the company around \$2,000,000, largely by steering away from kisses.

The other group, championed by Joe Pasternak, her producer, insisted that Miss Durbin was growing up and there wasn't much anybody could do about it.

Pasternak won.

Big Scene

So they began producing "First Love," starring Deanna and Robert Stack.

In the big scene, Deanna, wearing an evening gown, appears on a balcony overlooking the New York skyline.

A wind machine sent the evening breeze through her curls. Young Stack, in dinner suit, was very worried about that kiss. The cameras began to turn and he informed Deanna that he was leaving for South America.

"Where will you stay?" she asked. "On our sailboat. It has a diesel engine."

"Sailboats are beautiful."

"Yes. They are beautiful."

In His Arms

With that he took her gently in his arms and kissed her.

Miss Durbin, mistress of the situation, turned towards the skyline and asked:

"What's a diesel engine?" And so one of the "Three Smart Girls" has grown up.

Living Below Poverty Line

"All international law and morality has been brushed aside in a large part of the world."

"The major part of the purchasing power of nations has been absorbed in preparations for war."

"Eighty three per cent of the world is living below or on the poverty line. The world is living on half rations—neutrals as well as belligerents."

The music was composed by P. Baklitsky, and the words are by Bob Butch.

An alternative chorus, which you will hear Nick Korin sing on Saturday night, is written in "pidgin" English.

Here are the two choruses:

"Never worry, never care:  
"Try to find a sugar daddy millionaire."  
"Who'll be kind,  
"If he's bold and if he's fat:  
"Don't be scared!  
"Bold and fat boys are not bad  
"They're well bred.  
"Make him your honey  
"Life will be sunny.  
"Don't be too funny.  
"When he wants to get  
"If your sugar daddy dies, don't  
"You cry.  
"Try to find another guy—bye  
"and bye."

The "Pidgin" Chorus

The alternative chorus, in "pidgin" English, is:

"Me no worry, me no care,  
"Ay, ay, ay!  
"Me go marry millionaire,  
"Bye and bye!  
"Millionaire boy not so bad,  
"Ay, ay, ay!  
"Plenty money, too much fat,  
"my, oh, my!  
"He call me honey, give me  
"plenty money,  
"Honey, money make me very  
"glad.  
"Millionaire boy, if he die  
"Me no cry.  
"Me go catch another guy,  
"Bye and Bye."

The orchestration has been scored by Nick Korin who, incidentally, does most of the scoring of the numbers played by his Band at the Gripes.

During recent weeks, Nick Korin has popularized in Hongkong the latest war songs, such as "Washington on the Siegfried Line" and "Beer Barrel Polka." He is now working on several new war hits that have just been received from Home and which will probably be introduced at the Gripes on Saturday night.

## When A White Sheep Meets A Black Sheep

It's A Case Of Give Up That Wool You Nazi

SANTOS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The 16,000-ton German liner, Windhuk, which has been forbidden to leave port, will unload its cargo of British-owned wool.

The wool belongs to the Drefus Company of London, on whose request the Windhuk was detained following the refusal of the captain to unload it. The wool, 63 tons in all, was taken on board at Port Elizabeth before the war.

And That's Not All

At the same time, the South African Mining Company has also sent documents for the purpose of obtaining the release of 1,500 tons of chrome ore carried by the Windhuk.

The 11 passengers who have been aboard since the outbreak of war have been disembarked and taken to Sao Paulo.

## LIQUID GOLD POURS INTO PORT

A NEW oil pipeline in Colombia, South America, 263 miles long and capable of delivering 25,000 barrels a day is pouring "liquid gold" into the Caribbean seaport of Cuenas. In 1937 Colombia produced more than 20,000,000 barrels of oil, 40 times more than 13 years ago. The first and only other pipeline to the sea was constructed in 1926, inaugurating Colombia's export trade in petroleum, says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic Society. The republic ranked ninth in world petroleum output before the development of the field just opened.

The new 12-inch pipeline carries the oil from Petrolia in the Barco concession, near the Venezuelan border of eastern Colombia, to the new port of the Golfo de Morrosquillo. The oil field is 900 feet above sea level. In its course to the sea the oil is pumped over the Eastern Cordillera, at a height of 5,400 feet, near Coravention and then descends to the sea. The line crosses the Magdalena River just north of La Gloria and follows a westerly course that leads past Nequima, Cotaizal and Sincelejo to the Caribbean Sea.

Parallel Line

Construction of the line was made difficult by the mountain heights and the swampy jungle and through which it passes after crossing the Magdalena River. Added to this was the general lack of highway and rail facilities. There is no railroad within 300 miles of the right-of-way except for a short and disconnected stretch extending from Cucuta, Colombia, to Encomendras, Venezuela, which passes 25 miles east of Petrolia and the Barco oil concession.

Eight times the size of Illinois, Colombia has less than 2,000 miles of railway. Illinois has over 12,000 miles of railroad and over 10,000 miles of highway. The total length of Colombia's motor highways is 4,114 miles. Mountains seriously handicap the road-building programme now in progress. A new road paralleling the pipeline is under construction and will open vast new areas to development.

The difficulties met in the construction of the pipeline were emphasized by the necessity of using 10 aeroplanes to carry 11,000,000 pounds of material to the four air fields built along the right-of-way. Work on the line began February, 1938, and was pushed to its recent conclusion by 3,000 workmen, at a cost of approximately \$4,000,000.

To Ancient City

The concession is named after the late General Virgilio Barco, who began drilling there about 30 years ago. No extensive development was undertaken, however, until transfer of the concession in 1936 to an American oil company. There now are 69 producing wells in operation. The old of Ancient Pipeline, 335 miles long, follows the Magdalena River for the most part. River transports handled the 60,000 tons of material, and the work was completed in 11 months.

From the town of Infantes, the line follows the river north to Calamar, where it turns west for a short distance, paralleling the railroad to the ancient city of Cartagena on the Caribbean. It tunnels over 80,000 barrels of crude oil daily from a "fertile" field of approximately 1,000 wells.



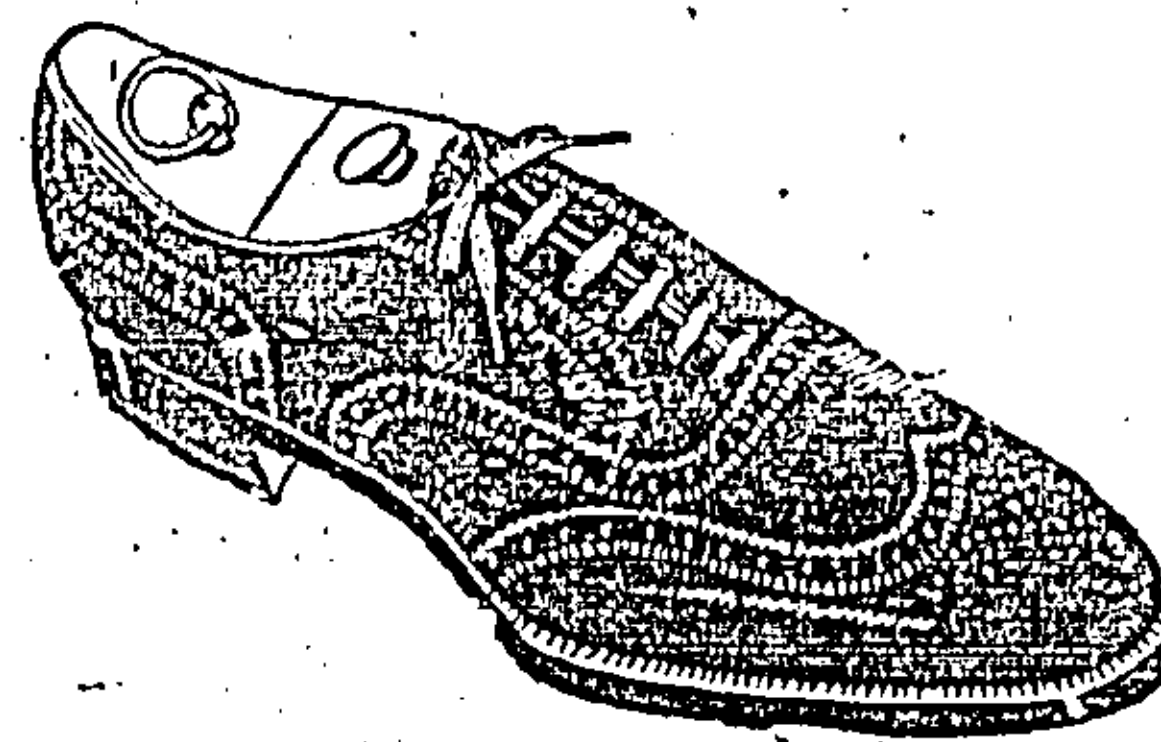
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From their first joint recital in London they have been an instantaneous success, and have made their names famous throughout the British Isles, California, Australia and New Zealand. They recently concluded their second tour with the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and after their Melbourne recital left Australia for a tour of Java, where they gave fifteen public concerts. They intend to give recitals in Hongkong before going on to America. Wherever they appeared the Press has lauded them enthusiastically.

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## Guns For Butter

Dr. Ley—whose name is pro-  
nounced like the English word  
"lie"—has recently been boast-  
ing that the German Labour  
Front, of which he is the leader,  
has cured unemployment in Ger-  
many and improved the lot of  
the German workers.

It is perhaps unfortunate that  
this claim should synchronise  
with the substitution of a ten-  
hour for an eight-hour day; but  
Mr. George Hicks, M.P., has not  
been content with that refuta-  
tion of the claim. In a spirited  
statement he has underlined a  
few home truths which Dr. Ley,  
discreetly enough, ignored. He  
points out, for instance, that in  
Germany there are no longer any  
independent trades unions or  
other organisations to protect  
the worker's interests; and that  
overtime, night-work, Sunday  
work and holiday work have all  
been vastly increased while pay-  
ment for these exactions is  
forbidden by law. The German  
worker, Mr. Hicks adds, is now  
in effect subject to forced labour.

This is the consequence of the  
deliberate policy of producing  
guns instead of butter—the  
policy so dear to the heart of  
Field-Marshal Goering, whose  
frame suggests that he himself  
has not had to make choice  
between the alternatives which  
he imposes on others.

Trade unionists in this country  
may have to reckon nowadays  
with a rise in prices; but at least  
they are not in the same case as  
the Hamburg dockers, who have  
to work 12 hours a day for 25  
marks a week on the fortifica-  
tions of the Western frontier.  
"It is clear," pungently remarks  
Mr. Hicks, "that Dr. Ley has  
cured unemployment in the way  
that Pharaoh cured it when his  
press-gangs herded up the  
Israelites." It is hardly con-  
ceivable that Hitlerism, with  
these characteristics, can have  
much attraction for the workers  
in any land; and to crown the  
mockery of Dr. Ley's boasting

## NEWS FROM AMERICA by Robert Waithman

# Britain Will Lose American Support, Unless...

NEW YORK.

THE complexion of  
things here, the en-  
tire American atti-  
tude to the war, is changing.  
Though the overwhelming  
majority of Americans still  
want to see the British and  
French win, the number of  
those who believe the  
United States should or will  
enter the war has decreased.

From the beginning the  
desire of Americans to stay  
out of the war has been  
almost unanimous, but a  
few weeks ago it was being  
qualified by a feeling that  
it might become necessary  
to fight. Fewer people now  
think it will become neces-  
sary for the United States  
to fight. More people are  
ready to accept the view  
that America can safely and  
honourably stay out.



## A QUESTION put by

Mr. George Ridley  
in the House of Commons  
and the reply Sir Edward  
Grigg made to it seem to  
show that the British  
Government is aware of this  
change in American senti-  
ment. But it seems also  
that the Government is  
attributing what is happen-  
ing to the success here of  
German propaganda and  
the lack of publicity for the  
British point of view. Sir  
Edward Grigg promised  
"constant endeavour to  
secure the largest measure  
of publicity in the United  
States" on the British war  
effort.

If the Government does  
believe that the United  
States is being swayed by  
German propaganda and  
that the solution is to in-  
crease the flow of British



That's how we got it in the neck the last time  
(Chicago Sunday Tribune)

"news and other informa-  
tion," then I think the  
Government is wrong.  
German propaganda here is  
failing, and if the Govern-  
ment is now proposing to  
attempt the output of  
counter-propaganda,  
whether it calls it that or  
not, it will be, in my opinion,  
inviting a failure ten times  
as great.

The present change in  
American feeling has little  
or nothing to do with pro-  
paganda. It seems to me  
it is explained by a sense  
of moral frustration which  
has come over this country  
within the last few weeks.  
Everybody is beginning to  
show it. Senators and  
Congressmen, writers and  
broadcasters and the man  
you meet in the drug store  
or office corridor or hotel  
elevator.

They don't all know what  
it is they are feeling. Some  
of them ask: "When are  
they going to start fighting  
this war?" They think  
things would be clear and  
that they would understand  
everything better if there

were some  
action. But they that this, the sensation of moral  
would not, for let-down, is behind, for example,  
what is trouble the new results from the Gallup  
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tion. America won't come in. Where-

The Ameri- as at the beginning of the war  
cans, for all 44 per cent. of voters were in  
their oratory favour of joining Britain and  
and protesta- France if or when Germany  
tions of self- appeared to be winning, only 29  
interest, are men and women  
who think and  
feel very much  
as British  
people think  
and feel, and it  
may be their  
very remote-  
ness and their  
determined neu-  
trality that put  
them in a posi-  
tion to see the  
confused scene  
in better per-  
spective.

WHAT many articulate  
Americans are now  
saying and what many more are  
feeling without being able to put  
the feeling into words is some-  
thing like this: "Here is a  
turning point for the world, a  
moment too big for anything  
but honesty. The hope of tens  
of millions of people in the  
British Empire, in all democratic  
countries and in all frightened  
small countries, is in the British  
Government. If now it would  
set before the world a plan for  
a just peace and a way of life  
that every man of every nation-  
ality could accept and aspire to,  
if it would commit itself boldly  
to fight and work for a defined  
new order, those tens of millions  
of peoples would rise in gratitude  
and follow the British lead. But  
there is no plan. There is only  
manoeuvring and smart diplo-  
macy, evasion and uncertainty.

All the British Government says  
is that it must end Hitlerism.  
Of course, it must end a system  
which bullies, persecutes and  
deforms a nation and threatens  
every other nation. But there  
should be more than that, and  
if there were, what chance would  
Hitlerism stand against a leader-  
ship which mobilised the free  
peoples of the world behind it?  
Yet at this great moment there  
seem to be only small motives,  
only power politics on the old  
model."

News Chronicle New York  
Correspondent, who has  
just been elected President  
of the Association of  
Foreign Press Corres-  
pondents in the U.S.A.

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ever been of anything  
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tion. America won't come in. Where-

The Germans are pretty sure  
to ascribe these changes to  
their propaganda. But in fact  
German propaganda so far has  
misfired at every point. The  
Athena story and the Iniquis  
story were epic propaganda  
failures, and even the deluge of  
stories and pictures sent here  
to demonstrate the invincibility  
of the Nazi legions in Poland  
did more harm than good. Nazis  
seem incapable of realising  
that American minds do not  
work as their own minds work,  
and that Americans, so far from  
admiring demonstrations of  
might, are instinctively drawn  
to the under-dog.

German propaganda has failed  
here because it has proceeded  
on the assumption that Ameri-  
cans are, in the same state of  
mind as they were during the  
last war. The truth is that  
twenty years of intensive home  
propaganda directed against  
foreign propaganda has changed  
Americans from a people who  
would believe everything to a  
people who will believe nothing.



HAS the British Gov-  
ernment noticed what  
happened to Mr. Duff Cooper on  
his arrival here? He gave an  
interview in which he expressed  
the conviction that a revolution  
staged by Conservative elements  
will break out in Germany.

If any British Cabinet Minis-  
ter had made such a public pro-  
phesy during the last war the  
fact would have been recorded  
liberally across the front pages.  
But the competent "New York  
Times" gave Mr. Duff Cooper  
only two-thirds of a column on  
a relatively obscure inside page.

This was (1) because the idea  
was not a new one, and (2)  
because Mr. Duff Cooper has to  
be classed here, however reluc-  
tantly, as a British propagandist.

As he now prepares to tour  
the country, one of the anti-war  
organisations is pressing the  
Secretary of State to give a  
ruling on whether he, Lord  
Marley and all other visiting  
British and French lecturers  
and speakers shall be required  
to register as agents of foreign  
principals, under a law passed  
last year with the precise inten-  
tion of attaching a public label  
to suspected propagandists.



THERE may be a case  
for providing Ameri-  
cans with lectures, but there is  
a far better case for providing  
them with a lead. The cry for  
a lead seems to come out of the  
long and revealing debate on  
neutrality, and in a different  
sense it is coming from Ameri-  
can business men, who are now  
manifesting a serious doubt  
whether a war boom is to be  
desired. Most of all it is shown  
in the recurrent talk of the pos-  
sibility of a mediation move by  
President Roosevelt.

Americans feel that peace—  
the right kind of peace with  
Hitlerism gone and a new world  
design to work on—ought to be  
possible. They are discouraged,  
repressed and frustrated because  
no design has been drawn.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Now, don't get a stroke—if you think they're too expensive I'll  
take them right back after our dinner party next Sunday!"

## James Agate picked this out

Come, Sleep, and with thy  
sweet deceiving  
Lock me in delights awhile;  
Let some pleasing dreams  
beguile  
All my fancies; that from  
thence  
I may feel an influence,  
All my powers of care  
bereaving!  
Though but a shadow, but a  
sliding,  
Let me know some little  
joy!  
We that suffer long annoy  
Are contented with a  
wrought;  
Through an idle fancy  
wrought;  
O, let my joys have some  
abiding!  
—Beaumont and Fletcher.  
[Francis Beaumont 1584-  
1616, John Fletcher 1579  
1625.]

Is the Nazi pretension that com-  
pensation for all sacrifice is pro-  
vided by the Strength through  
Joy movement. Strength there  
may be; but where, one asks, is  
the joy?



# How Good Are Nazi Legions?

Allies Do Not Under-Rate Their Strength

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Now that so many weaknesses have been unmasked in the Russian army, it is a natural question to ask, "How good is the German Army?" writes "Reuter's" military correspondent.

Is it possible that it too may reveal joints in its armour if a battle is fought in the west? Can it be judged merely by its success in Poland where conditions of modern warfare were in its favour?

## No Analogy

There has never been any analogy between the Russian and German armies to be of military value. The Germans exacted administrative and staff work, their troops are magnificently equipped, and whatever the internal state of the country, the army will be well-fed.

The timber of the Germans is now being measured by Allied patrols. The Allies are not making the mistake of under-rating the enemy, while the Germans are acting with more caution than they did in Poland. They are obviously holding their defensive lines lightly.

## Eager For Fray

If a spring offensive develops, the troops engaged will be fresh physically and eager for the fray. Whether they will be as good as the Kaiser's troops in 1914 is a matter of opinion.

The present German Army is young and has had little experience of fighting.

On the other hand, the Allied Armies are filled with veterans, and thanks to colonial and imperial responsibilities, many of the younger regulars have been under fire. Hundreds of young officers have experienced the responsibility of command, which breeds individual initiative.

It is safe to say that the Allies are infinitely richer in that quality than the Germans. The initiative quality is invaluable under the most difficult conditions of war.

# WESTERN FRONT BECOMES LIVELY

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué states that there was increased artillery activity on either side and also a fair amount of activity on the part of both forces.

An enemy reconnoitering plane was brought down within our lines.

**Outburst Of Air Activity**  
PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A fresh outburst of air activity has occurred on the Western Front, where cold and dry weather has brought excellent visibility.

Planes have taken to the air in large numbers on both sides and have been engaged principally on reconnoitering and photographic missions over the front, with fighter aircraft giving the necessary protection. The Germans have also made several long distance reconnaissance flights over Northern and Eastern France, as well as day flights towards the east coast of Britain.

It is believed that the object of these night flights was the laying of magnetic mines.

# Chungking Will Have No Truck With Wang

CHUNGKING, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—An emphatic denial of the report alleging that Wang Ching-wei had reached an understanding with the Chinese Government of Chungking concerning his plans for the proposed new Central China regime was voiced by the Foreign Office spokesman at a Press conference yesterday.

The spokesman emphasized that the Chinese Government had no connections with any puppet regime de facto or de jure.

# Nazi Planes Over Belgian Cities

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—It is announced that German aeroplanes flew over Belgium to-day at many points.

Belgian patrols gave chase and anti-aircraft guns came into action at Ghent, Brussels, Hasselt, Liège and elsewhere.

The Belgian Government has decided to protest to Germany.

# The Usual Denial

ROME, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The reports alleged in a Rome radio broadcast to New York were the subject of official denials today.

The Rome radio is said to have declared that as a result of the Ciano-Casali talks, Italy has agreed to send military and air units to Hungary if the latter is threatened by Soviet invasion and that Hungary has agreed to drop its claim on Rumania for the return of Transylvania.

# America Must Face Possibility Of Allied Defeat

## New Appeal For Naval Defences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, told the House Naval Affairs Committee that the United States "must face the possibility of an Allied defeat and measure the potential strength of the enemy" in estimating the navy's needs.

## Needs Are More Urgent

He said the navy's estimates were increased for defence requirements as a result of the Munich conference, and they had become "more urgent" with the outbreak of war.

He said that an increase of 25 per cent, amounting to 400,000 tons was a compromise figure—in other words it was what the navy would be able to lay down and build with existing facilities, and which the country would be able to afford.

# HONGKONG ESTATES

Probate Of Will Of Late Mr. J. D. Bush

The late Mr. James Daniel Bush, well-known resident who died on November 23, left Hongkong estate valued at \$7,400. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Mrs. Victoria Mary Bush, who is the sole beneficiary.

Formerly a coal merchant, Mr. Cheng Yick-cho, alias Cheng Chan-lin, who died at Yantai on July 11, left Hongkong estate valued at \$30,200. Messrs. Cheng Fook-ka, Cheng Kwok-wa and Cheng Fook-hoi have been granted probate of the will.

Hongkong estate valued at \$13,200 was left by Mr. Chan Sui-suen, retired merchant who died at Kowloon, on October 14. Probate of the will has been granted to Chan Wong-shi.

Mr. Francisco Antonio Jorge, clerk, who died in Macao on March 20, 1921, left \$100. Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. He or Telles Jorge.

## MORE AID FOR FINNS

FROM PAGE ONE

assistance because of the recent Finnish successes at Suomussalmi. Finland, he said, still urgently needs help.

## \$4,000,000 For Relief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Hamilton Fish, the Republican member of the House of Representatives, is proposing that \$4,000,000 be appropriated for relief purposes.

The resolution he is putting forward provides that the money must be spent for the purchase and transport of food and clothing and not for armaments.

**Italian Planes Returned**  
TALLINN, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Italian planes which were held up by the Finnish Government on their way through to Finland are to be returned to Italy.

The Nazis, it is understood, decided to return the planes as the result of strong representations by the Italian Government.

**Medical Supplies For Finland**  
LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wireless).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare states tonight that 25 cases and four boxes of Red Cross and Relief goods for Finland have been released from the American steamer, Moormacusan, at present detained at the Contraband Control base of Kilkenny.

These goods will be transhipped as soon as possible.

**"MINENKRIEG" WAR CLAIMS FURTHER NEUTRAL VICTIMS**

FROM PAGE ONE

drowned and eight were injured by the explosion.

## Sunk In A Convoy

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The 1,500-ton steamer, Leonard Pearce, was sunk in a convoy as the result of a collision while nearing the British coast.

Her crew were rescued from her life-boats by the other craft in the convoy.

## MORE REDS TRAPPED

FROM PAGE ONE

the "Derlingende Tidende," the Russian soldiers captured in Finland state that after the defeat of the Soviets at the battle of Suomussalmi, General Vinogradov was broken with despair and disappeared with a few men into the forest.

The correspondent recalls that General Samsonov disappeared in a similar manner 25 years ago after his Tannenberg defeat, and adds that General Vinogradov will never be seen again, or possibly his body will be discovered when the spring sun melts the snow.

# Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	200
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100 1/2
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	17 1/2

BUYING

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4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
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U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3 95 1/2

# NAZI PLANES ATTACK WIDE AREA OVER BRITISH ISLES

FROM PAGE ONE

Norfolk and succeeded in driving the German off.

An unnamed vessel sank after an explosion off the east coast. As it sank it was watched by hundreds of spectators on the shore.

## North Sea Fight Admission

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The official German news agency admits that the German fighter machines which took part in the thrilling air battle over the North Sea were the latest type of Messerschmitt 110, or "destroyer planes."

Semi-official circles in London point out that the fact that the British bombers got the better of them tells its own story of the pluck and skill of the R.A.F. pilots.

## French Down Two Planes

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Two Nazi planes were shot down over the French lines on Wednesday.

The French wireless commentator adds to this brief official communiqué the fact that thanks to fine weather, many air operations are reported.

French planes on a reconnaissance flight, accompanied by fighters, met with enemy planes and shot down two.

## Gunner's Graphic Story

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Messerschmitts, though armed with cannon as well as machine-guns, appeared anxious to keep out of the British gunners' range in Wednesday's big air battle in the North Sea, further details of which are now available.

"I thought there were only two of them," said one British air gunner. "They attacked alternately, then we saw others waiting above. Soon things became confused. We came down from 5,000 feet almost to sea level so that they were unable to get beneath us."

"The fighters attacked in a shallow dive, firing cannon and machine-guns from a distance of 600 yards, but seldom closing nearer than 200. They seemed anxious to get out of the range of our guns and usually turned when we opened fire."

"As they climbed, they showed us their bellies. Our tracers seemed to be going straight into them. Some of them must have gone home heavier than when they came. We fired 500 rounds during the action. They did not all miss."

"The engagement continued some 25 minutes, each fighter making eight to ten attacks."

## An Unprecedented Seale

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Today's visitations by German aircraft were on a scale unprecedented since the beginning of war, but it is not known how many planes took part as they turned out to sea immediately they were challenged.

A.A. guns were in action in the Firth of Tay, Firth of Forth, South Shields, Humbers, the Suffolk coast and the Thames Estuary.

After they were driven off, these or other German machines turned their attention to the bombing and machine-gunning of shipping, but no ships were sunk and casualties were few.

## Chased For 40 Miles

One raider attacking a trawler was engaged by a R.A.F. fighter, and a running fight followed, the fighter chasing the German for 40 miles. When last seen, one of the Nazi machine's propellers appeared to be falling and smoke was seen issuing from the port wing.

An Aberdeen trawler was rescued by other R.A.F. fighters from the attention of two Nazi planes, and yet another trawler was slightly damaged by bombs when assisting in the rescue of the survivors of an Italian ship blown up by a mine.

A motor life-boat which had 30 survivors aboard eventually towed the trawler into harbour. The German attacker dropped four bombs and machine-gunned the trawler. The skipper was wounded.

# INDIA'S GIFT TO QUAKE VICTIMS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wireless).—As a token of the deep sympathy of the Government and people of India in the terrible calamity that has overtaken Turkey, the Government of India have presented 1,000 tents to the Turkish Government for the help of the victims of the earthquake disaster.

The tents are being shipped immediately to Egypt for onward transmission according to the wishes of the Turkish Government.

# Quake Destruction 30,000 Houses Levelled

Casualties Not So High As Expected

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Thirty-thousand houses were totally destroyed in the recent Anatolian earthquakes, according to a statement in the National Assembly by M. Euztrak, Minister of the Interior, who has just returned from the ravaged areas.

M. Euztrak gave lower figures for casualties than were previously reported.

It is estimated that 25,000 have been killed, and eight thousand seriously injured.

It is also stated that heavy loss of life and material damage resulted from flood following the earthquakes.

# India Wants To Fight

Thousands Volunteer For Enlistment

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wireless).—From almost every district of India reports continue to be received that there is no lessening of the desire, so clearly shown by the bulk of the Indian people in the early days of the war, to render such assistance as they can.

Countless numbers have offered themselves for enlistment, and many have had to be refused, even if only temporarily. To meet the overwhelming response and to mitigate disappointment, an explanation once again has been issued by the authorities in India, showing many important respects in which the present war differs from the last one.

## Fully Adequate

During the early days of the war, it is explained, many thousands of Indian soldiers were brought into full army service. These included newly-enlisted men, reservists and members of mobilized territorial units, and the large intake was fully adequate for India's requirements at the time. It must also be borne in mind that enlistment of greater numbers than really necessary might entail interference with India's vital industries and with agriculture.

## Tribute To Merchant Seamen

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wireless).—The "Yorkshire Post" to-day pays editorial tribute to the heroism of merchant seamen. "These men of the merchant fleet follow a tradition as courageous and enduring as that of the fighting services. It is a tradition upon which we depend for our very lives in wartime, and we know we shall never depend upon it vainly."

"It shines bravely in the calm discipline with which the crew of the Dunbar Castle on Tuesday ensured that their passengers reached safely to their homes, and a thought to their own lives. It flowed in the daring response made by fishermen to the call of volunteers for the hazardous task of fighting magnetic mines. It reveals itself movingly in the rescue work carried out day by day by life-boatmen."

# Telling The World

Japan Plans More Short Wave Broadcast

Tokyo, Jan. 11. Inspired by the desire to keep overseas Japanese in touch with the developments of their mother country, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation is planning to expand its overseas programme. The necessity, it is pointed out, has been urged by the ever changing international conditions.

At present, there is only one 50-kilo short wave transmitter in Japan which is being used for broadcasts to Europe, Latin America, North America, China and the South Seas. The expansion plan provides for the installation of three additional 50-kilo, and one 20-kilo, transmitters and the number of destinations will be increased from the existing five to ten, the new areas including Near Eastern areas such as Turkey, Syria, and Western India, Central America, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand.

The broadcasting hours will be extended to about 15 or 16 hours a day, while the languages used will be, besides English, German, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese and Dutch, Arabic, Italian, Malay, and Thai—Domei.

## Mr. Stanley Better

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—General Sir Edmund Stanley, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, returned to England to-day after a visit to the front.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Mr. Clarence Gauss as the first United States Minister to Australia.

# Rhodesia's War Effort

Details Now Being Discussed

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Conversations between Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, and Mr. R. C. Tredgold, the Rhodesian Minister of Defence, who arrived in London yesterday, began in the Dominions Office to-day.

It is understood that they are working out details of the destinations of Rhodesia's volunteers.

Well-informed circles greatly appreciate South Rhodesia's war effort, particularly the offer of providing personnel for three air force squadrons in any war front.

It is understood that Britain has accepted the offer.

# GERMAN PROBLEMS

Economic Matters Cause Anxiety

Amsterdam, Jan. 11. According to the Telegraaf's Berlin correspondent, economic problems and German-Russian relations are the two subjects in the forefront of political activity in the highest Nazi circles.

Dr. Hitler, Chief of the Delegation to Russia, is expected to return to Moscow within the next 36 hours to resume negotiations.

It is learned here that Germany is desperately anxious to clean up matters, but goods from Russia are coming through very slowly.

Of a million tons of cattle fodder ordered by Germany in October, less than 100,000 tons has arrived. It is also understood that the newly limited idea of paying the workmen partly by food tickets and savings banks coupons has already aroused great discontent among the workers.

The correspondent states that the winter promises to be the hardest since 1938. This includes a shortage of fuel and certain foodstuffs, arising from transport difficulties.

Forty per cent. of internal transport in Germany is handled by waterways, which are now completely frozen.

The railways are mostly needed for war purposes, consequently there are houses in Berlin which have been without fires since Christmas and whole families are living in hotels.

The correspondent adds that the people are refusing to pay rent when the landlords fail to supply the heating stipulated in the lease and it is ruled that they are justified where heating is lacking for a whole month. Several shops and cafes and restaurants are closed owing to lack of fuel.—Reuter.

# STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:—Business continued brisk throughout the day, resulting in a turnover topping any reported for many months past. Cements were leaders, and the medium of an extensive trading. Government 4% Loan changed hands @ \$101 to the extent of a little over a lakh. Doeks were a shade easier, coming to business @ \$21.00. Trams after touching \$17.80 eased off, and were available at that price. Here, again, as is probably the case with Doeks, profit taking may explain the halt in their advance. The market generally at the close is steady with a firm undertone.

**Buyers**  
Union Ins. \$400  
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Hotels \$5 1/2  
Lands \$33 1/2  
Humphries \$8  
Realities \$4.40  
Tramways \$17 1/2  
Youmatt Series \$24  
China Lights (old) \$7.65  
Electricity \$55 1/2  
Sundankan Lights \$11 1/2  
Telephones (Old) \$25.40  
Telephones (New) \$9 1/2  
Cements \$18.00  
Ropes \$6.10  
Dairy Farms (Old) \$22 1/2  
Dairy Farms (New) \$21 1/2  
Watsons \$20.20

**Sellers**  
H.K. Bank \$1.30  
Doeks \$22  
Tramways \$17 1/2  
Telephones (New) \$9 1/2  
Cements \$18

**Sales**  
H.K. Bank \$1,370/65  
Wharves \$102  
Doeks \$21.80  
Providents \$4.70  
Rauhs \$10  
Hotels \$5.00  
Humphries \$8.05  
Tramways \$17.30  
Electricity \$55 1/2  
Macao \$18  
Telephones (Old) \$25 1/2  
Telephones (New) \$9 1/2  
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**Mr. Stanley Better**  
LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Oliver Stanley, the newly-appointed War Minister, is starting his duties at the War Office on Friday.

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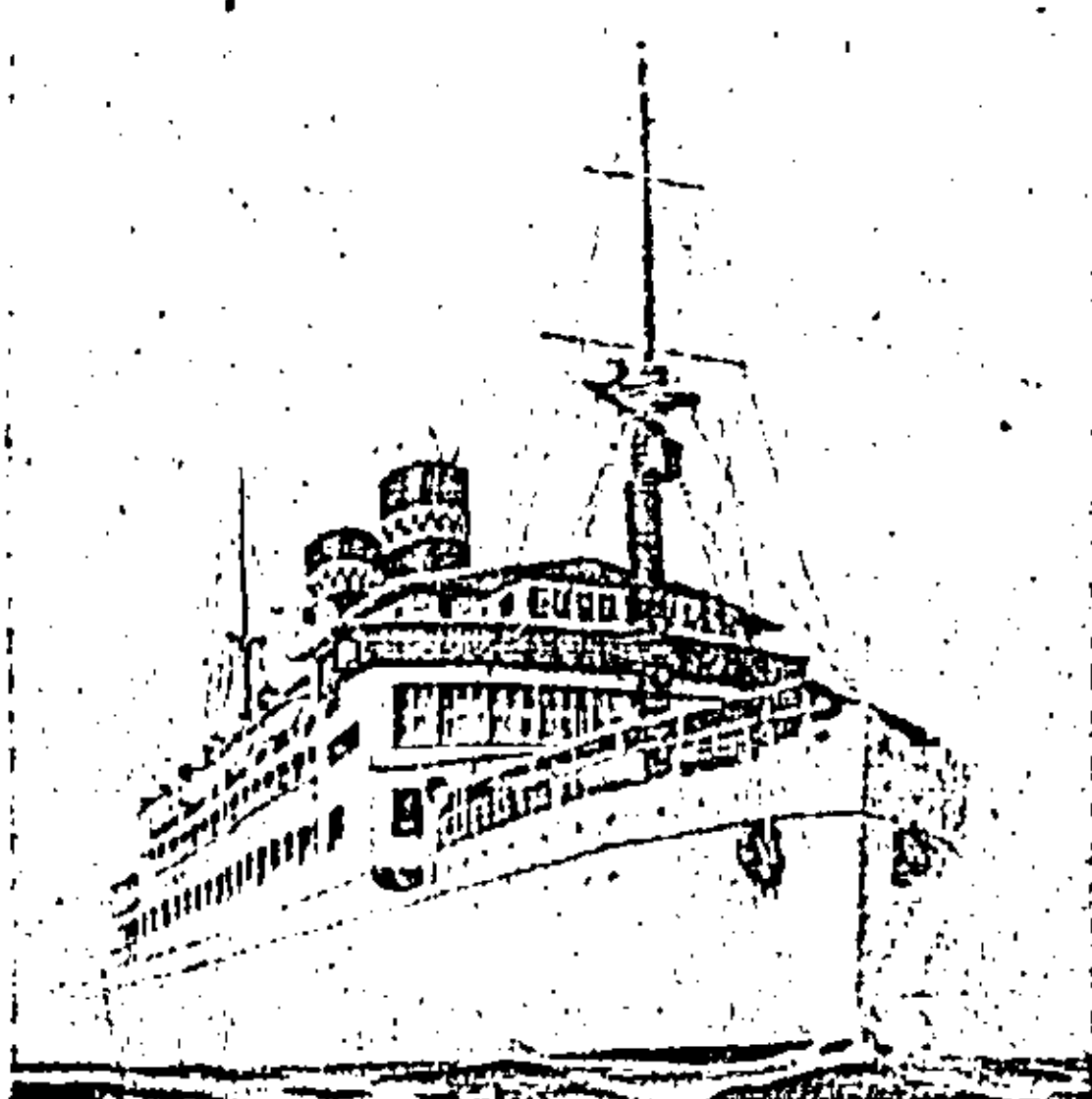




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## Bren Gunners On Watch

Picture above, taken "somewhere in France," shows a party of British Bren gunners carrying on their training in readiness for more serious occasions. The trench in which they are seen lies near the British line.

## Crossword Puzzle

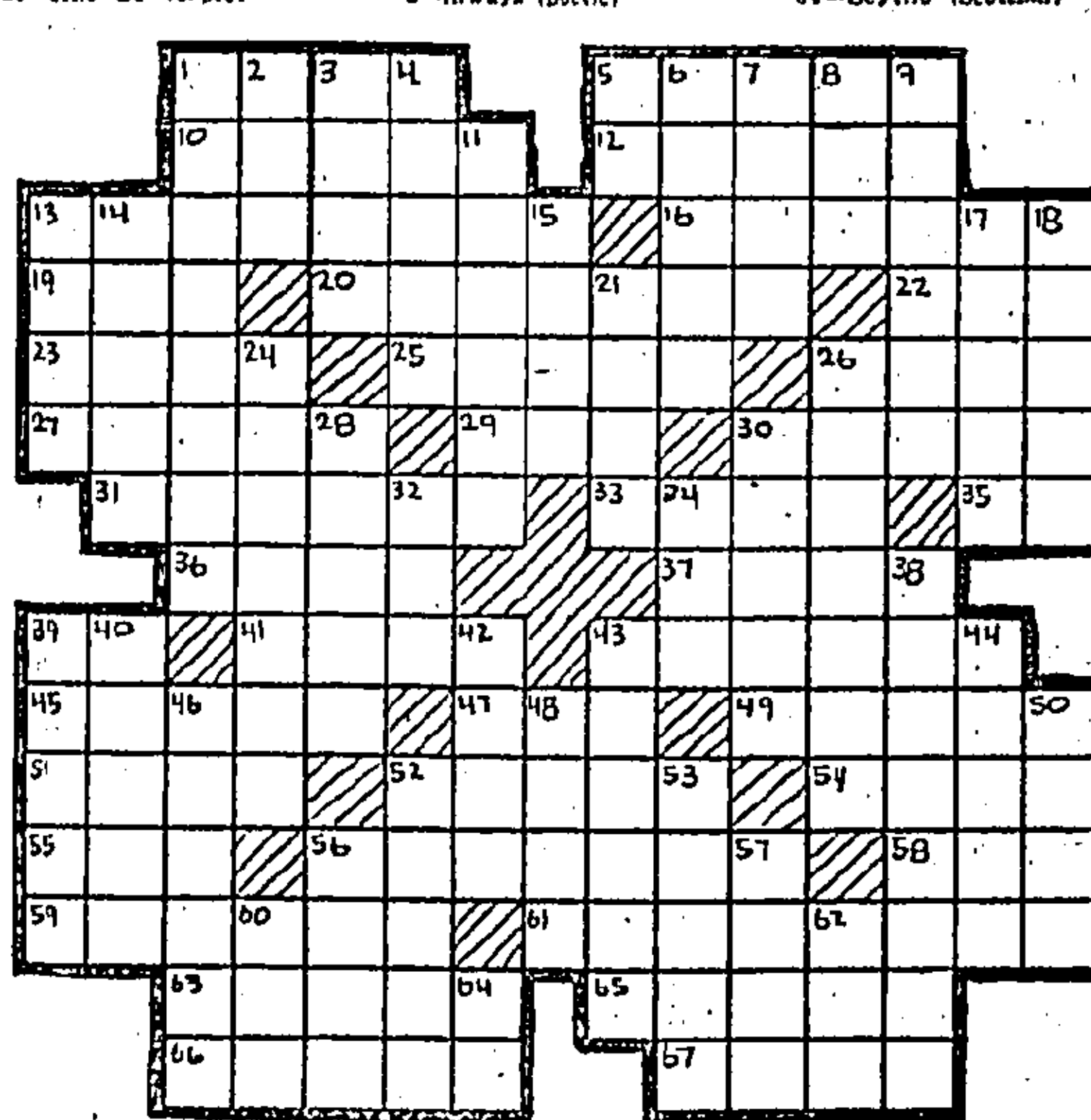
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Kind of duck
- Play
- King of Judea
- Turner's French Premier
- Opening
- Italian city
- Man's name
- One who refuses to work (coll.)
- Place steep
- Recently deceased
- European republic
- Impudent
- Take money
- Complete
- Spanish priest
- Shooting star
- Oracle
- Measure of time (abbr.)
- Order to go
- Disturber crops
- Run wood
- Letter
- Church usher
- Ironstone
- Strong liquor
- Hot drink
- Money wine
- Drop to knees
- Name meaning "no name"
- North African ruler
- Exaggerated contempt
- Title of respect

DOWN

- Amusement houses
- Always (poetic)
- Talcite
- Clumpy ones
- Teeth of tiger (abbr.)
- Large black bird
- Amateur's
- Human race
- Wing-faunted
- Dealer in clothes
- With wings
- Overhauler
- Ballie hat base
- Boiler
- Transport
- Compound ether
- Part of face
- Prank
- Ideal standard
- Spanish title
- Lord
- Short song
- Preceding
- Line of status
- Cuban dance
- Turned noble
- Terrible
- Turned sharp
- Grass deer
- Cuban wind
- Amorous look
- Gross
- Modern sound
- Victim of dread disease
- Went sliding
- Prank
- Rotter
- Cloddes of mitchell
- Byrthe (Scottish)



## PHOTONEWS

The banned song that all the troops are singing



BEFORE THE WAR "Even Hitler Has A Mother" was banned in England. Now it has become one of the war's most popular marches.

## THE R.A.F.'S POWER TO STRIKE BACK



It is difficult for the uninitiated to form an adequate conception of the enormous increase in the power of the Royal Air Force that is now going on. Official statements are kept vague for obvious reasons. Yet the expansion of the R.A.F. is proceeding at a terrific rate. Great strides forward have been made in the design and quantity production of new machines; tens of thousands of new men are being trained.

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# STAY-AT-HOME HOUSECOAT HAS A NIGHT OUT

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It's taken the black-outs at Home to make them leave their evening dresses hanging in the wardrobe along with the moth balls.

One of London's best known dressmakers took his autumn collection for a tour of the provinces. He found Englishwomen have made up their minds—evening dresses are out of the war-time picture. He said: "Women will not dress up in the evenings—not in even the most simple dinner frock. What they want are housecoats."

And there you have the key to the fashion picture this war-time winter—housecoats, housecoats and more housecoats.

HOUSECOATS, or, even worse, hostess gowns, as they sometimes get called, sound high-flying for you and me. But a description of my call-it-what-you-like would take three lines of type, starting off with breakfast robe through tea gown into evening wrap.

THE housecoat illustrated is made mainly of soft navy blue woollen. The front part of the bodice and the neat collar are scalloped on in cyclamen wool. The waist is small, the skirt full, and a zipp fastener closes it down the front. Strips of grey lamb make epaulettes and trim the skirt pockets.

## Cheese "Spreads"

The following "potted cheese" costs little to make and can take the place of butter when a savoury "spread" is required. In a cool, dry cupboard it will keep good for several months.

Grate a quarter of a pound of any sort of hard, dry cheese, mix it with a teaspoonful each of salt and pepper and a tablespoonful of vinegar, and stir till melted in two ounces of melted margarine. An egg yolk can be first rubbed into the margarine, if liked. Put the paste into a small dry pot, cover closely and use sparingly.

Cheese and lentil paste is another spread worth trying.

Fry half a pound of red lentils for two minutes in two ounces of dripping in a small pan, stirring briskly all the time. Add three gills of water, a teaspoonful of mixed herbs, a teaspoonful of salt and a saltspoonful of pepper. Stew until the lentils are soft and the mixture fairly dry. Then add two ounces of grated cheese, beat up, and turn into a pound jam jar.

Cover carefully.

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## Coffee And Cards

There is a boom in card games too much passing across, or utilise two occasional tables to hold bridge and a very low bridge table, avoid easy white bread thinly cut. Mashed chairs for card players. And as for banana spread on biscuits with a the cards, remember "off white" packs powdering of sugar.

Card enthusiasts too, appreciate the salmon mixed with mayonnaise and right sort of chairs. Unless you have topped with waters of tomato between a very low bridge table, avoid easy white bread thinly cut. Mashed chairs for card players. And as for banana spread on biscuits with a the cards, remember "off white" packs powdering of sugar.

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## Beware Of Damp

When the damp rainy weather comes it is necessary to take special precautions in the home.

To prevent your silver from becoming tarnished, rub it light with the silver has been cleaned in the usual way. Polish with a chamois leather.

Brass knockers and letter-boxes take on a dull film during damp weather. Remove the film first by using a cloth dampened with methylated spirits. Then rub with metal polish in the ordinary way and you will find that the brass keeps its shine for several days.

Wire clothes lines become rusty very easily. Prevent this by giving yours a coat of white enamel. It is easy to wipe the enamelled wire with a damp cloth before using, and the flimsiest garment can be hung out without fear of marking.

It is difficult to keep biscuits crisp in damp weather. If you put a teaspoonful of sugar in the tin when putting them away, they will keep fresh and crisp for many days.

Damp cause salt to become lumpy in sifters. Put a few grains of rice are put in the empty sifter before the salt is added, this will prevent it getting clogged.

Wet weather plays havoc with your clothing, so take proper precautions.

Care for Your Clothes.

Place coats and skirts on coat-hangers and hang where there is a good draught. When dry press on the wrong side with a hot iron. Furs must be shaken well as they are taken off. Then rub gently with a soft cloth and hang up.

A wet hat should be placed at once on a stand or stuffed with tissue paper and left on a table in a warm place. When it is dry brush it well. Be sure to remove any ornaments in your hats that may rust.

Damp and muddy stockings should be put in a bowl of soapy water as they are taken off, and left to soak for some hours. Then wash them in some fresh suds and dry as usual.

If your good winter coat gets splashed with mud, resist the instinct to wipe it off. You will only rub it in. Try it thoroughly, then rub the material together to remove the caked mud. Brush vigorously to remove all traces of dust.

Macintoshes and waterproofs, on the other hand, can be sponged with clean cold water when they get muddy. Rub with a medium nail-brush in stubborn cases, and finish off with a rub over with a clean dry cloth. Hang your macintosh on a hanger in a draught, and if it is damp inside from the heat of your body, dry with a cloth.

Stuff your damp shoes with old newspaper instead of putting them before the fire. The paper will absorb the moisture and keep the shoes in good shape.

## Currant Bread

You need one pound of self raising flour and a piece of margarine the size of an egg. Put the flour into a basin with a pinch of salt, cut up the margarine and rub it well in. Add a teaspoonful of washed and dried currants and a little chopped candied peel. The currants must be dry; wrap them in a cloth after washing and then put them on a plate in front of the fire. If you like richer fruit bread allow a few more currants and sultanas.

Melt half a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in a cupful of milk, stir it into the flour mixture to form a soft dough that will not stick to the hands. Add more milk if necessary. Shape into two loaves and bake in a moderate oven.

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CHIPS, of Brookfield School, is refused promotion after 20 years. On a Tyrol holiday he goes climbing, and loses his way. Suddenly he hears a girl calling in the fog.

AFTER an hour of climbing in the fog, feeling every step of his way, often loosening stones that bounded and tumbled into some hidden abyss below, Chipping drew himself carefully up on a narrow ledge.

Mist floated thickly past. Above his head was one of those mountain monuments begging the traveller to pray for the soul of one who had perished there.

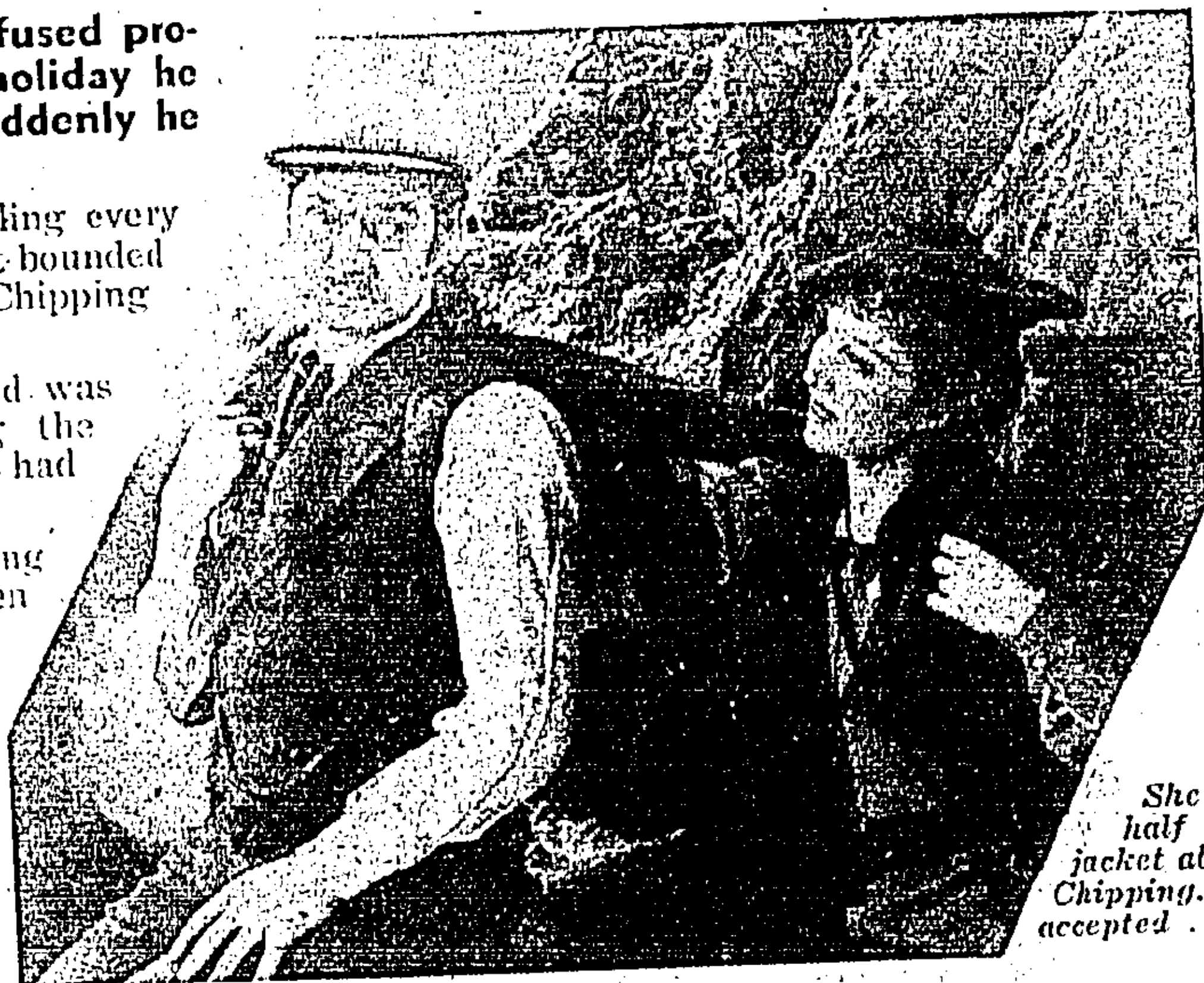
Giving it a grim, sidelong glance, Chipping continued on the slightly ascending ledge, often obstructed by outjutting rocks.

At one of the bends he halted to utter a stentorian "Hel-lo-o!"

"Hello!" answered a girl's voice so close that Chipping gave a startled jump.

"Why, well—er—I don't see you," he said, stepping around the bend.

"Here I am," said the voice quite close to him. He saw nothing but mist at first, but as he advanced slowly, the form of a fair, beautiful girl, wearing suit, scarf and a feathered hat, took shape.



She put half the jacket about Chipping. He accepted.

they leave school and the world gets hold of them.

"I don't see how you can ever get old in a world that's always young," "I never really thought of it in that way. When you talk about it, you make it sound exciting and heroic."

"It is."

"And the schoolmaster—is he exciting and heroic, too?"

"I've met only one—a reckless person who climbed the Glockner in a mist to—"

"Is my nose shiny?"

"There's a light on your face—a strange light."

The moonlight had fallen on her face and gave it a striking beauty.

"Look at the lights in the valley. The mist has lifted."

They stood up. "Yes," he said, and paused. "We can go down now."

"Yes. I'm almost sorry. It was an adventure, wasn't it? I wonder if we're not leaving it behind us."

"Will you—er—take my hand?" It's rather tricky just here."

She took his hand and they started to descend the mountain.

TO-MORROW: Blue Danube.

MANILA COUPLE WED

Two well-known members of Manila's British community, with many friends in Hongkong and Shanghai, were married at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar. They were Mr. Richard Charles Deane, chartered accountant, and Miss Joan Margaret Gibbald. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Richard I. Dobson, Mr. H. F. Phillips and Mrs. R. B. Phillips.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1890. A prominent Welshman has drafted an elaborate scheme for a Welsh Parliament. Magazine files have been issued to the troops at Aldershot.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1915. Archbishop Kamevsky has sent a telegram to Vatican stating that the Germans operating in Poland are systematically using Catholic churches as positions for their machine-guns, wireless stations, etc., as the result whereof many have been destroyed. The Archbishop points out that the same danger threatens the old Cathedral of Cracow, which contains the relics of St. Stanislaus, and begs the Pope for his protection.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1930. A sharp controversy is taking place between the Vatican and Signor Mussolini concerning the education of children. The controversy originated in June, soon after the signing of the Lateran Treaty.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1935. Marking the end of the period of dictatorship, President Carmona to-day opened the first Portuguese Parliament to sit for nine years. There are ninety Deputies and a corporate Upper House.



"Are you all right?" he asked anxiously.

"Yes, quite, thanks. The mist is a nuisance, isn't it?"

"You're not in any danger?" There was unconscious indignation in Chipping's voice.

"No." Her eyes twinkled. "Do you mind?"

"No—no, of course not."

"You shouldn't be moving about you know. It's awfully foolish of you."

"Foolish!" Chipping all but choked. "I—I heard you call. I thought you were in some difficulty."

"Don't tell me you climbed up here to rescue me!"

"As a matter of fact, I did," he responded humbly.

"Now, really, I should be very angry with you. Suppose you had fallen?"

"I must say I—"

"I never heard of such utter stupidity! Where were you?"

"On the Gamsteig."

"And you climbed up in that mist—to rescue me—when I'm probably a better climber than you are!"

"Then what were you screaming about?" he demanded.

"I wasn't screaming. I just let out a shout at random."

She pointed downwards and shuddered.

"When I think that road might have been paved with your good intentions! Really, it was idiotic of you—and rather wonderful!"

She gave him a sudden smile. "Not at all," he began unconsciously.

"Anyhow, I'm awfully glad you came. It was going to be very lonely. Won't you sit down?"

"Er—thanks. Er—my name is Chipping—Charles Edward Chipping."

"Mine's Ellis—Katherine Ellis." She withdrew her hand from the pocket of the jacket.

"Won't you have a sandwich? I've got loads of them."

"Well, thanks. I ate mine early. I am hungry."

"And I'm sorry I wasn't in any danger," she said contritely.

"It was rather inconsiderate of you," he agreed humbly as he took a sly peep at her, wondering at her youth and beauty.

"WHAT are you doing alone on a mountain? Isn't it rather unusual for a young lady?"

"I'm not usually alone. I have a friend at the inn."

"So have I. We're on a walking tour."

"Really? We're bicycling."

"Bicycling? Through Austria?" He was incredulous. "Good heavens, I didn't know that ladies rode those awful things! With—er—a leg on each side of the saddle?"

"You don't imagine I'd ride side saddle, do you?"

"But what happens to . . . your dress?"

"Oh, they breed female bicycles now. Didn't you know?"

"I don't like all this rushing about on wheels. Human beings were never intended to go at such a speed. I suppose you think I'm old-fashioned?"

"I like men to be old-fashioned. Have another sandwich. We'll reserve the rest for emergencies. It's chilly, isn't it?"

She turned up her collar.

"Oh, I say—I should have thought of it. Here, take my coat. I'm rather too warm."

"I wouldn't think of it! Put it back on at once!"

"No, really, you must take it. I insist . . . please."

"Look here, why don't we share it? It's big enough for both of us."

She started to put it about him.

"Good heavens, no! If someone were to see you!"

"On this mountain? And what if they did? I insist. Look—like this. Catch hold of it."

SHE put half of the jacket about Chipping. He accepted, stiff and shy and dazzled.

They continued to sit there in the mist, now talking, now silent, until it grew dark, hoping the fox would lift.

But it still drifted about the marooned pair, giving them a spectral air. Chipping was sunk in reverie.

"A penny for your thoughts," said Kathie Ellis at length.

"Er—" he said, started. "As a matter of fact, I was thinking about you. I see very little of ladies at Brookfield. I was rather realising what I had missed."

"If I may say so, Mr. Chipping, I think the ladies have missed a great deal, too."

"That's very kind of you, but I'm really not a ladies' man."

"Afraid of them?"

"Terrified!" he replied half-humorously.

"Not of me, I hope?"

"Not up here in the clouds—perhaps the altitude has gone to my head. But if I'd met you at the inn—"

"Because I'm a strong-minded female who rides a bicycle and wants the vote?"

"No, on the contrary—because you are so very nice looking. I think—and charming."

"And so are you, Mr. Chipping, frankly."

"Good heavens!" he cried aghast. "No one has ever called me that!"

At her gay laugh he pondered a moment, tickled at being called charming.

"What extraordinary ideas come into one's head up here! Do you experience a sort of exhilaration?"

"Definitely. It's the altitude."

"It's as though we owned the mountains. We're, pretty superior persons."

"We're gods."

"Up here there's no time," he said, gravely now, "no growing old—nothing lost."

"We're young," said Kathie softly. "We believe in ourselves," he said.

"We've faith in the future." It was a sort of antiphonal chant.



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## JAPANESE MAGNATE SAYS ALLIES WILL BE— ON ROAD TO VICTORY IN APRIL

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Sphinx-like Viscount Kano, vice-Chairman of the Bank for International Settlements, and London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, is a Japanese tonic for the Allies.

Yesterday, in his office in Bishopsgate, he said:  
"The German thermometer is going down and the Allies' thermometer is going up. Easter, I feel, should bring the turning-point."

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In 1914 Germany had great foreign investments. To-day they have no foreign investments, no foreign funds, the gold in their hands is very little, and their exports are being cut off by the blockade.

"As Germany's internal resources are diverted more and more in military purposes, the suffering of the people will become great."

"How can Germany, in this plight, carry on a full-dress air bombardment of this country or of France, or a full-dress assault on the Maginot Line? If they do that their losses will be great, and the psychological effect on their own people will be serious. If they do not do that, the Allies will continue to grow in strength."

Then Viscount Kano, with his next statement, sent up the Far East thermometer with a jump. It was this: "The war between Japan and China will end in a month."

Viscount Kano believes there can be no peace in Europe until Hitlerism is destroyed. He says that Japan, whose pact with Germany has been a long time, is intent on establishing a new order in the East, and it will not be the old order of terms and indemnities set by victorious nations.

"We have learned a big lesson from the Versailles Treaty. Soon a united Chinese Government will be established at Nanking, and when peace comes to China there will be nothing left for England and Japan to quarrel about."

**Empire Trade**  
"My bank," he said, "finances the foreign trade of Japan, chiefly the trade with the British Empire. We handle, too, all the bonds and coupons on behalf of the Japanese Government. There will be a marked improvement in Anglo-Japanese relations this year."

"The opening of the Yangtze River to international sea traffic is purely for the benefit of England. America does not send ships up there, neither does France. England's shipping can go up the Yangtze. It is the main and only artery to China."

"Mr. Chamberlain wants to establish a new order in Europe, so Japan will do the same in the East with the economic collaboration of England." Viscount Kano has lived for the last nine years in London. In the next few days he will be flying home to Tokyo. He would not admit that he was going home to help celebrate the peace.

## INVENTOR TELLS OF DEATH-RAY

OAKLAND, — The United States already has a death ray available for war and facilities for manufacturing thousands of airplanes in days, rather than in months or years, Albert G. Burns, president of the Inventors of America, has revealed.

What America can do in these respects as well as in thousands of others will be made public, he said, at the annual convention of the association.

The airplane of the future will be made from plastic material, he indicated, and will be molded instead of being built piece by piece.

"Turning out thousands of planes a day, is not a dream," Burns insisted. "We know how to use plastic materials and we can pour out—and I mean pour out—airplane shells like waffles."

Burns, 51 years old, is the inventor of the sawtooth bread knife and various kinds of automobile locks.

Just returned from Lakewood, O., to complete arrangements for the annual convention and demonstration of the inventions of the Inventors of America, Burns declared:

"The death ray that has been perfected at Lakewood is already effective in the killing of dogs, cats and mice instantly. I witnessed the demonstrations there and the development of this ray has war potentialities in it."

On his trip east, Burns collected a large number of the latest inventions and gadgets that will be exhibited at the convention. Among these is a perpetual motion rat trap, invented by a Minnesota man. The trap is a little box filled with mirrors. A piece of cheese hangs from the roof.

When a rat peeks in, it sees only the reflections of the piece of cheese, so numerous as to make it think it would be a perpetual rat's banquet. When the rodent dashes in, the trap springs, and all that is necessary is to remove the body and the trap is ready for the next rat.

## Knot Experts Travel World

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—John Hensel and Raoul Graumont are experts when it comes to "knotty problems."

Between them they have tied thousands of knots, some of them so intricate they have required days of study and patience to complete.

Hensel claims to have duplicated the baffling Gordian knot which was so cleverly made that both ends of the rope were concealed and defied undoing.

Both Hensel and Graumont travelled the world to pursue their hobby of rope making and knot tying. In all they have a collection of 3,200, no two of which are alike. According to Hensel, there are only 310 orthodox knots, the simplest of which were used almost from the beginning of time.

## LATE NEWS

## BEATING U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Anglo-French Shipping  
Tonnage Increases

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—It is officially stated in London that the number of British tankers in commission is larger than at the outbreak of war, when the tonnage was 3,270,000.

British losses to January 7 amounted to 68,000 tons, which are more than made good by building, requisition and other ways.

The same is true of the French tanker fleet. Hence German activities have not interfered with normal supplies of petrol to the United Kingdom.

## RUSSIAN ARMADA SHAM IS EXPOSED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Allied High Commands have received details of the much-vaunted Russian Red Air Force, which show it to be a bigger sham than the Red Army.

For her 4,000 mile wide continent Russia has a first-line strength of little more than 4,465 machines.

Compared with the latest products of the chief Western European Powers 65 per cent. of the Red machines are obsolete. There are no new-type machines under production.

The Russian second-line machine strength is about 2,000 planes. Lack of advanced training machines is restricting the output of trained pilots to 2,000 a year, a useless figure for large-scale war in Europe.

**Split In Two**  
The Russian Air Command is divided into two sections, one to the west of Lake Balkal, the other to the east. Lake Balkal is practically in the centre of Russia.

The Western Air Command has a total of 3,240 of the most modern machines allotted to it. The Eastern Command, which covers the Mongolian and Manchurian frontier, has 1,225 first-line machines.

There are two types of Russian warplanes which experts say "compare not unfavourably" with the modern medium-type bombers of other nations. They are called the SB and Ts.Kb.28.

The SB is similar to a British Blenheim and has a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. A Blenheim will do 285 m.p.h.

The Ts.Kb.28 has a maximum speed of 245 m.p.h. and a range of 1,000 miles with 3,300lbs. of bombs.

**High Morale**  
The best Russian fighters are the 145 (BSF), of which the Western Command has 713 and the Eastern Command 320. These machines are similar to British Gloster Gladiators, which have long been superseded by newer types.

The morale of the pilots is high, they are good fighters. But discipline, as a result of the 1937-8 purges, is low. Every commanding officer of every squadron is watched by a political representative.

Russia has relied on France and America to grant her licences to manufacture their latest warplane designs. Those sources of progress are closed to her now.

## Rio Turns Out To Cheer Ajax

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A large crowd thronged the docks and cheered warmly when the British cruiser Ajax, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, victor over the Graf Spee, entered the harbour for the first time since the battle.

Mobbed by newspapermen, Admiral Harwood gave a vivid description of the fight.

A ball will be given to-night for the crew by the British colony.

## Belgians Still Protesting

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Government has protested to Berlin against flying over Belgian territory following the landing of a German plane.

## More Contraband Is Seized

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Contraband Control intercepted 12,000 tons of contraband in the week ending January 7, making the total intercepted since the outbreak of war, 439,000 tons.

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LLOYDS FIND A "BLACK MARKET"

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The full story of the Anglo-Franco-Soviet talks last year will soon be available.

A Government White Paper is expected to be issued soon after Parliament meets on Tuesday.

Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador to Moscow, who arrived on Wednesday, called at the Foreign Office to-day.

Consequently, it is understood, the Committee will continue to confine itself to a purely advisory capacity.

Meanwhile, the advisory schedule is proving a useful guide, and a response to many requests for an amendment of war risk insurance rates may shortly be issued.

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Both Sides Are Forging "Mystery Weapons" To Win The War

## 1.—SECRET BRITISH WARPLANE 2.—SUPER NAZI BATTLESHIP

### GERMANS LAUNCH NEW 41,000-TON SEA MONSTER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, JAN. 12. (DOMEI). — GERMANY'S NAVAL YARDS AT HAMBURG, WILHELMSHAVEN AND KIEL ARE WORKING NIGHT AND DAY IN A PROGRAMME OF NAVAL SHIPBUILDING COMPARABLE ONLY TO THE KAISER'S MAD NAVAL RACE OF 1912.

According to the "Berlingske Tidende," a "mystery battleship" of 41,000 tons was recently launched, and another vessel of equal size has been laid down.

It is noteworthy that the 1940 issue of "Jane's Fighting Ships" drew attention to the fact that Germany was building a battleship of unknown size, but reputed to be of the 40,000-ton type—the second largest in the world.

At present the only battleship afloat over 35,000 tons is H.M.S. Hood.

But Britain is rushing to completion two, already launched, of 40,000 tons which will be more than a match for Germany's mystery ship.

They are the Lion and Temeraire. Both have already been launched and are expected to be in commission before the end of 1941. The Nazi battleship will not be commissioned until the end of 1941 or early in 1942 and it is not expected that the second one will be commissioned until 1943 or 1944.

In addition to the two 41,000-ton battleships, Germany has under construction four battleships of 35,000 tons. One, which was launched in Hamburg in 1939, should be in commission at any time now. A second of the same type was begun at Wilhelmshaven in 1937 and will probably be commissioned before the end of the year. The third was laid down at Kiel in 1939 and the fourth in 1939.

Britain's Mystery

Matching these, Britain has several battleships of between 30,000 and 35,000 tons, in addition to the 42,000-ton Hood, and the new Lion and Temeraire.

There are the Nelson and the Rodney, of 34,000 tons, which are reduced editions of 48,000-ton battleships Britain nearly built in 1921. The Royal Sovereign, Resolution, Ramilies and Revenge are 30,000-ton ships which, although laid down during the Great War, can give a good account of themselves.

The Queen Elizabeth, Warspite, Barham, Malaya and Valiant are of 35,000 tons and are equipped with eight 15-in. guns.

Post-war battle-cruisers are the Repulse and the Renown, each of 32,000 tons.

In addition, Britain is building, under pre-September programmes, five new King George V type battleships. The King George V and Prince of Wales have already been launched, while the Anson, Jellison and Bantley are rapidly nearing completion. Each will be of 35,000 tons displacement and they will carry ten 14-in. guns. The entire five will be completed by June next year.

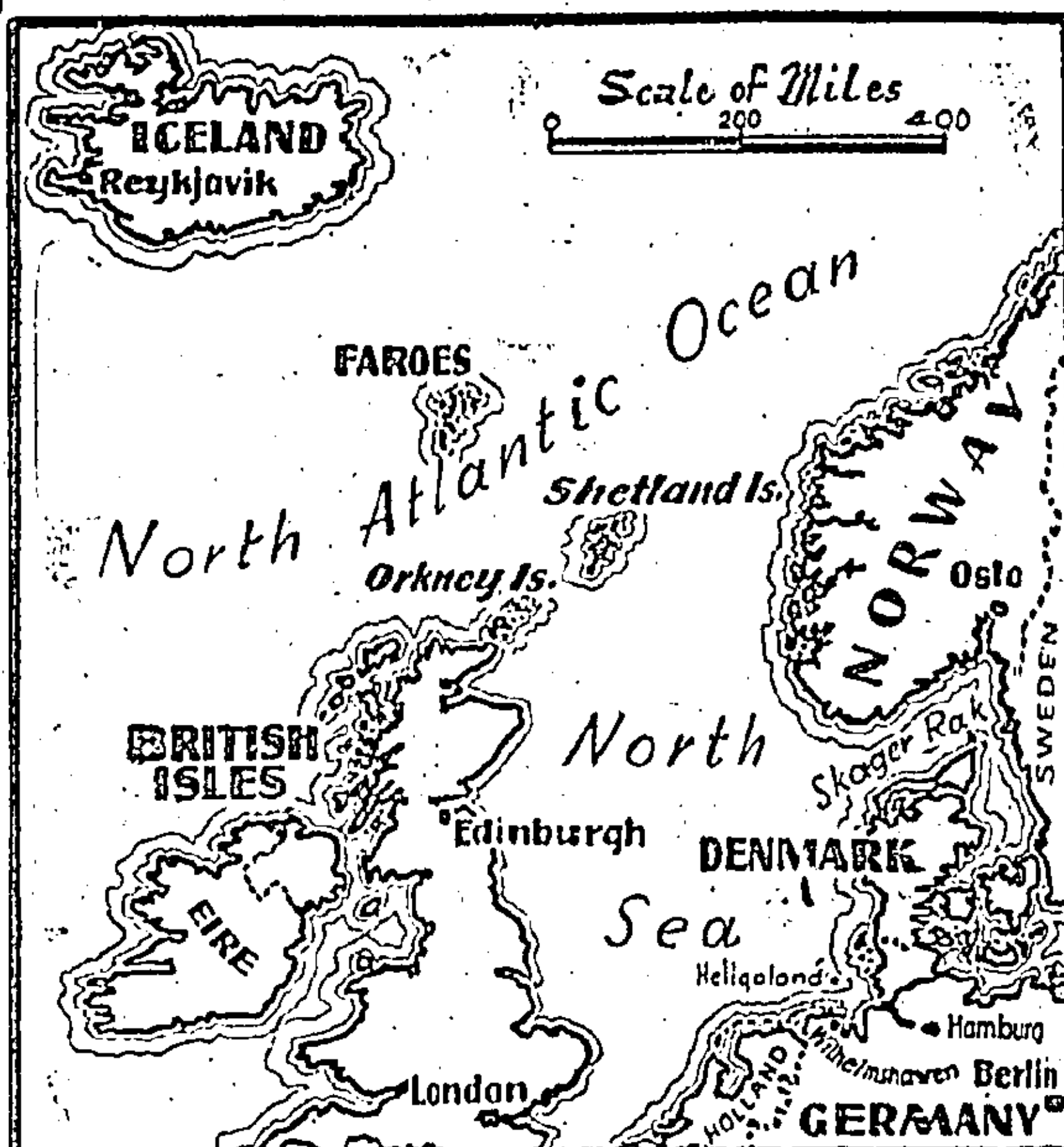
Germany's Hopeless Position

In addition to the six big warships under construction, Germany only has the Schernhorst and the Okeanos, each of 26,000-ton type, in commission.

Her next biggest warships are the discredited "pocket battleship" type, only two of which remain as a result of the loss of the Admiral Graf Spee.

Germany, according to the "Berlingske Tidende," is pushing

### AIR "BLITZKRIEG" THOUGHT NEAR



EXTENSIVE reconnaissance and bombing raids were carried out by Nazi bombers yesterday.

Anti-aircraft guns went into action along the east coast between the Firth of Forth and south-east England.

Planes appeared over Newcastle, the Thames and the Humber.

There were several thrilling dogfights between R.A.F. Spitfires and the Nazis.

The increased aerial activity arouses fears that Goering may be preparing for his oft-threatened "Blitzkrieg" air raids on Britain.

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### Big Red Army Purge Commences As

## RUSSIANS ADMIT INVASION BY FINNISH FORCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (DOMEI).—Virtual admission of Finland's claim that fighting is now occurring on Russian soil was contained in an official Red Army communique to-day.

The communique, which was issued by the Leningrad Command, admits that Finnish patrols are active in the Ukhta and Repola districts in Russia.

### FINN GRIP TIGHTENS

Entrapped Reds Can't Break Cordon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROVANIEMI, Jan. 11 (UP).—Thirty thousand Russian soldiers who are completely surrounded on the Salla front are making desperate attempts to break the Finnish cordon.

So far they have been unsuccessful.

They can last out at the most only another 72 hours, for their supplies have been completely cut off and they cannot live on land to which Finland's "scorched earth" policy has already been applied.

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### "MYSTERY" R.A.F. PLANE WILL BE WORLD'S FASTEST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, JAN. 11. (UP).—GOERING'S NEW MESSERSCHMIDT-DESTROYER PURSUIT PLANES, WHICH CAME INTO ACTION AGAINST THE R.A.F. OVER THE NORTH SEA YESTERDAY, ARE TO BE CHALLENGED BY A NEW TYPE BRITISH PLANE WHICH WILL EXCEED THE FAMOUS SPITFIRES IN BOTH SPEED AND ARMAMENTS.

A new fleet of these mystery R.A.F. machines is already under construction.

Their speed will greatly exceed the speed of either the Spitfires or the Messerschmidts.

Details are secret but, like the Spitfires, they will presumably have remote-controlled machine-guns in their wings.

The new Messerschmidts mount small cannons—a type of armament at present reserved by the R.A.F. for bombers only.

It is presumed, therefore, that the new mystery ships will also be equipped with cannon.

Britain at present has 28 types of warplane in use.

They are: Hurricane, Spitfire, Gladiator, Gauntlet, Demon, Fury, Bombers: Harrow, Whitley, Wellington, Hampden, Battle, Wellesley, Blenheim, Hind, Vildebeest. Reconnaissance: Anson, Sunderland, London, Singapore III, Stranraer, Seaplane. Army co-operation: Lysander, Hercules, Audax. General Purpose: Hardy, Vincent, Wellesley. Torpedo-Bomber: Vildebeest. Overseas Bomber: Blenheim.

Of these machines, the Spitfire is believed to be the fastest in the world. The Wellesley is undoubtedly the world's greatest long-distance plane. It was this type of machine which gained for the R.A.F. the world's non-stop record by flying from Egypt to Port Darwin last year.

Britain's new mystery machine will, it is thought, incorporate the performance of both the Spitfire and the Wellesley.

Already Tested

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—It is disclosed that a new type of long-range fighter will shortly be put into service with the R.A.F.

Several of the machines have already emerged successful from exhaustive tests, and it is stated that when the time comes to use these fighters, there will be some surprises.

### Knot Experts Travel World

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—John Hensel and Rosal Graumont are experts when it comes to "knotty problems."

Between them they have tied thousands of knots, some of them so intricate they have required days of study and patience to complete. Hensel claims to have duplicated the baffling Gordian knot which was so cleverly made that both ends of the rope were concealed and defied undoing.

Both Hensel and Graumont traveled the world to pursue their hobby of rope making and knot tying. In all they have a collection of 3,200, no two of which are alike.

According to Hensel, there are only 210 orthodox knots, the simplest of which were used almost from the beginning of time.

Injuries to the hand were suffered by Hensel, 19, when he was knocked down by a motor trolley in the Central district yesterday. The man was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

### 650 MILES AN HOUR

### Remarkable Dive In Spitfire

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—A British pilot, it is revealed, has achieved 650 miles an hour in a Spitfire fighter without knowing very much about it.

The pilot lost consciousness when flying at an extreme height, and when he recovered he found himself in a vertical dive with the throttle full open.

The top speed of the plane with the throttle wide open is 450 miles per hour, and it is considered by experts that a vertical dive in these circumstances would produce a speed of at least 650 miles per hour.

The pilot knew that he was liable to lose consciousness again if he pulled out too abruptly, but he gradually righted and landed the plane safely. The plane is now being carefully examined by experts for signs of stresses and strains.

The pilot's experience is likely to provide valuable research material as well as showing at once the remarkable stability of Spitfire construction.

### More Contraband Is Seized

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Contraband Control intercepted 12,000 tons of contraband in the week ending January 7, making the total intercepted since the outbreak of war, 430,000 tons.

### RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP (On Wheels) CAPTURED

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (DOMEI).—Russia appears to have perfected a "land battleship" that can speed at over 100 miles an hour over flat terrain.

The monster tank has been captured by the Finns in the Red Army's Salla debacle.

It proved totally ineffective in Finland's swampy lake regions, where it became bogged and was abandoned by the Reds when they retreated.

The machine is armed with super-cannons.

America has 70 per cent. of all the gold ALLIES RESERVES STAGGERING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—As a result of the war in Europe, the United States now holds almost 70 per cent. of the world's gold reserves.

Imports of gold from overseas during 1939 exceeded exports by the colossal total of \$393,250,000, compared with \$493,250,000 in the preceding year.

In December alone, imports exceeded exports by \$112,731,250.

As a result of this amazing flight of gold across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the monetary gold stock in the United States on December 31 had reached the unprecedented total of \$4,410,750,000.

Of this total, \$2,300,000,000 is held and ear-marked for foreign countries, principally those at war with Germany.

The world's total gold reserves amount to \$6,000,000,000, of which \$3,000,000,000 belongs to the United States, \$2,000,000,000 to the United Kingdom, \$500,000,000 to France and only \$700,000,000 to Germany.

All of the British Dominions, individually have higher gold reserves than Germany.

The world's gold reserve had increased by \$400,000,000 since the end of the Great War.

December receipts in the United States from the leading exporting nations were:

Canada	\$77,000,000
Netherlands	7,750,000
Japan	5,000,000
Sweden	4,750,000
United Kingdom	2,500,000
Philippines	600,000
Silver imports during 1939	\$21,250,000
compared with 1937-38	\$20,000,000
in the preceding year. The largest imports during December were from Mexico.	

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#### INWARD MAILS

Hainan, Jan. 12, 12.00 a.m.  
Shanghai, Jan. 12, 12.00 a.m.  
Canton, Jan. 12, 12.00 a.m.  
Shanghai, Jan. 12, 12.00 a.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 12, 12.00 a.m.  
Japan and Shanghai, Jan. 12, 12.00 a.m.  
Shanghai, Jan. 12, 12.00 a.m.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th Jan.  
Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Hainan and Hainan, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Manila, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Shanghai and Amoy, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Straits and Manila, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Amoy, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Calcutta and Straits, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Salon, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Shanghai, Jan. 15, 12.00 a.m.  
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th January.  
Jan. 17, 12.00 a.m.  
Hainan, Jan. 17, 12.00 a.m.  
Straits, Jan. 17, 12.00 a.m.

#### OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, Jan. 12  
Amoy, Jan. 12, 3.00 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 12, 10.30 a.m.  
Fort Bayard, and Hainan, 1.30 p.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via "San Francisco" (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 1st February.  
G.P.O. and K.F.O.  
Parcels, Jan. 13, Noon.  
Reg., Jan. 13, 1.45 p.m.  
Ord., Jan. 13, 2.30 p.m.  
Salon, Jan. 13, 3.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 21st Jan.  
G.P.O. and K.F.O.  
Reg., Jan. 13, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord., Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 14  
Canton, Jan. 14, 7.15 a.m.  
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai, 9 a.m.  
Manila, Jan. 14, 9 a.m.  
Parcels only for Tientsin, 9 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 15  
Shanghai, Jan. 15, 9.30 a.m.  
Straits and Calcutta, 9.30 a.m.  
Parcels, Jan. 15, 9 a.m.  
Ord., Jan. 15, 10 a.m.  
Hainan, Jan. 15, 1 p.m.  
Salon, Madang, Salamaua and Rabaul, 3.30 p.m.  
Canton, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 16  
Batavia and Surabaya, 9.30 a.m.  
Shanghai and Japan, 9.30 a.m.  
Fort Bayard, 10.30 a.m.  
Hainan, Jan. 16, 10.00 a.m.  
Salon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th February.  
G.P.O. and K.F.O.  
Reg., Jan. 16, 2.45 p.m.  
Ord., Jan. 16, 3.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th January.  
K.F.O.  
Reg., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord., Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.  
Ord., Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 17  
Shanghai, Jan. 17, 10.30 a.m.  
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 25th January.  
K.F.O.  
Reg., Jan. 17, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord., Jan. 17, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg., Jan. 17, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord., Jan. 17, 5.30 p.m.

# Dramatic Story Of Three-Way Chinese Attack On Paotow Now Revealed MOSLEM CAVALRY UNIT PROTECTS CHINESE REAR DURING ASSAULT

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### Press Reviews War

## BRUTAL NAZI ATTACKS HORRIFY

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—To-day's British Press dealt with two aspects of the technique of aggression—the Nazi air attacks on defenceless shipping, and the Soviet war on Finland.

The Nazi sea warfare, says the "Times," has justified more than anything else Mr. Chamberlain's contention that the spirit of Naziism is incompatible with liberty and justice. The destruction of the Dunbar Castle, might be the latest example of indiscriminate and unprovoked laying of mines, but that pales beside the calculated brutality of the attacks on helpless fishermen and now on the Trinity Lightship tender.

### The Savage Determined

This, the paper continues, is not the attacks of a civilized man fighting his enemy for command of the sea, but rather the brutality and barbarism of the savage determined, like a mad dog, to rend whatever is within reach.

Far from terrorizing us, this will produce just the direct opposite effect. It demonstrates how disastrous to the world submission to Naziism would be.

Both the "News Chronicle" and the "Daily Mail" call the attack on the lightship tender "inhuman brutality" and "not war but murder." These methods can only fail, says the "Daily Mail."

The Nazis are pitting the methods of the gangster against the superior courage of men who refuse to be driven from the sea.

Effective counter-measures have been devised by the Navy.

### Invasion Of Finland

All papers stress the brutality of Soviet Russia's invasion of Finland. The end of the campaign, which was expected to be a walk-over, is by no means in sight, says the "Daily Telegraph." Although over-optimism would be sheer folly, enough has happened to expose the weaknesses of an army which has become something of a bore and to serve as a tonic to other small nations similarly threatened.

History does not record anything braver than that of the Finnish struggle against Soviet Russia. There is concrete evidence that the Soviets have suffered a major defeat and that their position is daily growing worse. At the same time it does not mean that Finland, with odds of 40-1 against her, will necessarily emerge the victor.

She needs guns, munitions and planes, and all possible help should be sent to her immediately.

## Guam Project Acclaimed

### "China Press" On U.S. Demonstration

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—The proposed United States plan for the occupation of Guam was the subject of comment in the "China Press," which says that its significance is more inclined to be moral than strategic.

The journal adds: "By appropriating the name of the United States, the United States is by no means thinking and planning to withdraw from the Far East."

"Such a demonstration may well bring about a sobering effect in Tokyo."

The newspaper points out that when the Guam Improvement Bill was passed by Congress early last year, there was great rejoicing in Tokyo, followed by a stiffening of the Japanese attitude towards foreign interests in China and culminating in the blockades of Tientsin and Kulsung.

## REHABILITATION IN POLAND

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 11 (UP).—The D.N.B. Official German News Agency announces that 22 canaries, of which 20 are owned by Jews, as well as a number of soap, fur and food factories, are now working again in occupied Polish territory. It is announced that, due to the danger of epidemics and for financial reasons, no Jewish labour camps will be established in Poland.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 12, (Reuter).—The detailed story of the Chinese attack on Paotow, just received here from Suiyuan, reveals that the Chinese offensive was aimed at the capture of Paotow for the purpose of frustrating the Japanese attempt to advance further west after the freezing of the Yellow River.

An unusual aspect of the campaign is that due to the lack of communication facilities in the Mongolian plains, the Chinese military headquarters in West Suiyuan learned that Chinese troops were attacking Paotow through the interception of a Japanese military wireless message from Paotow, sent on the morning of December 18, requesting reinforcements.

A letter from Shampah, in West Suiyuan, dated December 21, states that Chinese forces under the personal command of General Fu Tao-yi, Chairman of the Suiyuan Government, started to attack on December 12 in several columns.

Support From Aircraft  
Before the Chinese attacked, it is stated, a squadron of Chinese aircraft heavily bombed the Peking-Suiyuan Railway and the Japanese barracks to the east of Paotow.

While Chinese regular troops delivered the main attack, the latter adds, they were actively supported by guerrilla units, who harassed the Japanese from the rear. The first Chinese column began to move eastward on December 12 from West Suiyuan towards Paotow. The second column attacked Sakai from Southern Suiyuan. The third column cut the railway to the north-west of Tatum, in Northern Shansi from Eastern Suiyuan.

Chinese troops on the Charhar border also approached the railway line near Kalgan. Moslem troops sent a cavalry unit to the Mongolian grassland north-west of Paotow to protect the Chinese flank.

200-Mile Detour  
To ensure secrecy, Chinese troops made a detour of 200 miles through Mongolian territory, carrying only necessities. There were no tents or houses to shelter the troops on their forced march across the Mongolian grassland.

The force carried no field kitchens. Each soldier bringing a few catties of large hand pancakes.

Little water was found on the route, while the army bottles were useless in a temperature of 30 degrees below zero. So, the soldiers often averaged only one drink in 24 hours.

On The Other Fronts  
Further clashes between Japanese and Chinese units on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi front are reported. It is stated that the Chinese have recaptured two more vantage points on the Nanhai-Yamchow highway, namely, Pakian and Sunshing.

Supported by deserters and equipped by bombing planes, a Japanese unit made counter-attacks at noon yesterday but was repulsed with about 200 casualties.

On the south bank of the Wat River, the Chinese re-entered Wulum, 15 miles south of Nanning, yesterday. The Japanese were said to have put up a stiff resistance behind their defence works, but they were finally dispersed.

Fungki, three miles from Chaoan (Chaochow) in East Kwangtung, is reported to be under attack by Japanese troops. Field dispatches claim that over 400 Japanese casualties resulted in the attack on Fungki and that ten Japanese were taken prisoner.

Sporadic fighting has been taking place at various points in Kiangsu since the new year. In the north, a Japanese attack on Tawusi, west of Hsuehwei, last week was repulsed, and on the north bank of the Yangtze River, the Japanese have twice attacked Shihking, near Wantung, with the support of planes. This attack, according to a Chinese dispatch, ended in failure.

Action In Hupeh  
In Hupeh, Chinese forces driving towards Sushien, on the Yun River 34 miles west of Yangtze, in the north of the province, have recaptured Weichuan and are now encircling Maping and Loyangtze, two important outer defence points of the town.

On the Chungking-Kingshan highway, the Chinese are attacking the Japanese at Chendakho, Sunking and Kwanking. To the north-east of Chungking, a Japanese unit pushed towards Tatum and Chow-chiao, near Yangtze, on Tuesday, but were repulsed by the Chinese the following morning. The Japanese suffered heavy casualties in this engagement and are reported to have lost three tanks.

## French Communists Disenfranchised

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 11 (UP).—The Government has submitted a Bill disenfranchising all Communist public officers unless they denounce the Moscow Third Internationale within eight days. Six Communists have already complied. A debate on the Bill will be held on Thursday.

## How Good Are Nazi Legions?

### Allies Do Not Under- Rate Their Strength

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Now that so many weaknesses have been unmasked in the Russian army, it is a natural question to ask, "How good is the German Army?" writes "Reuters" military correspondent.

Is it possible that it too may reveal joints in its armour if a battle is fought in the west? Can it be judged merely by its success in Poland where conditions of modern warfare were in its favour?

### No Analogy

There has never been any analogy between the Russian and German armies to be of military value. The Germans excel at administrative and staff work, their troops are magnificently equipped, and whatever the internal state of the country, the army will be well-fed.

The timber of the Germans is now being measured by Allied patrols. The Allies are not making the mistake of under-rating the enemy, while the Germans are acting with more caution than they did in Poland. They are obviously holding their defensive lines lightly.

### Eager For Fray

If a spring offensive develops, the troops engaged will be fresh physically and eager for the fray. Whether they will be as good as the Kaiser's troops in 1914 is a matter of opinion.

The present German Army is young and has had little experience of fighting. On the other hand, the Allied Armies are filled with veterans, and thanks to colonial and imperial responsibilities, many of the younger regulars have been under fire. Hundreds of young officers have experienced the responsibility of command, which breeds individual initiative.

It is safe to say that the Allies are infinitely richer in that quality than the Germans. The initiative quality is invaluable under the most difficult conditions of war.

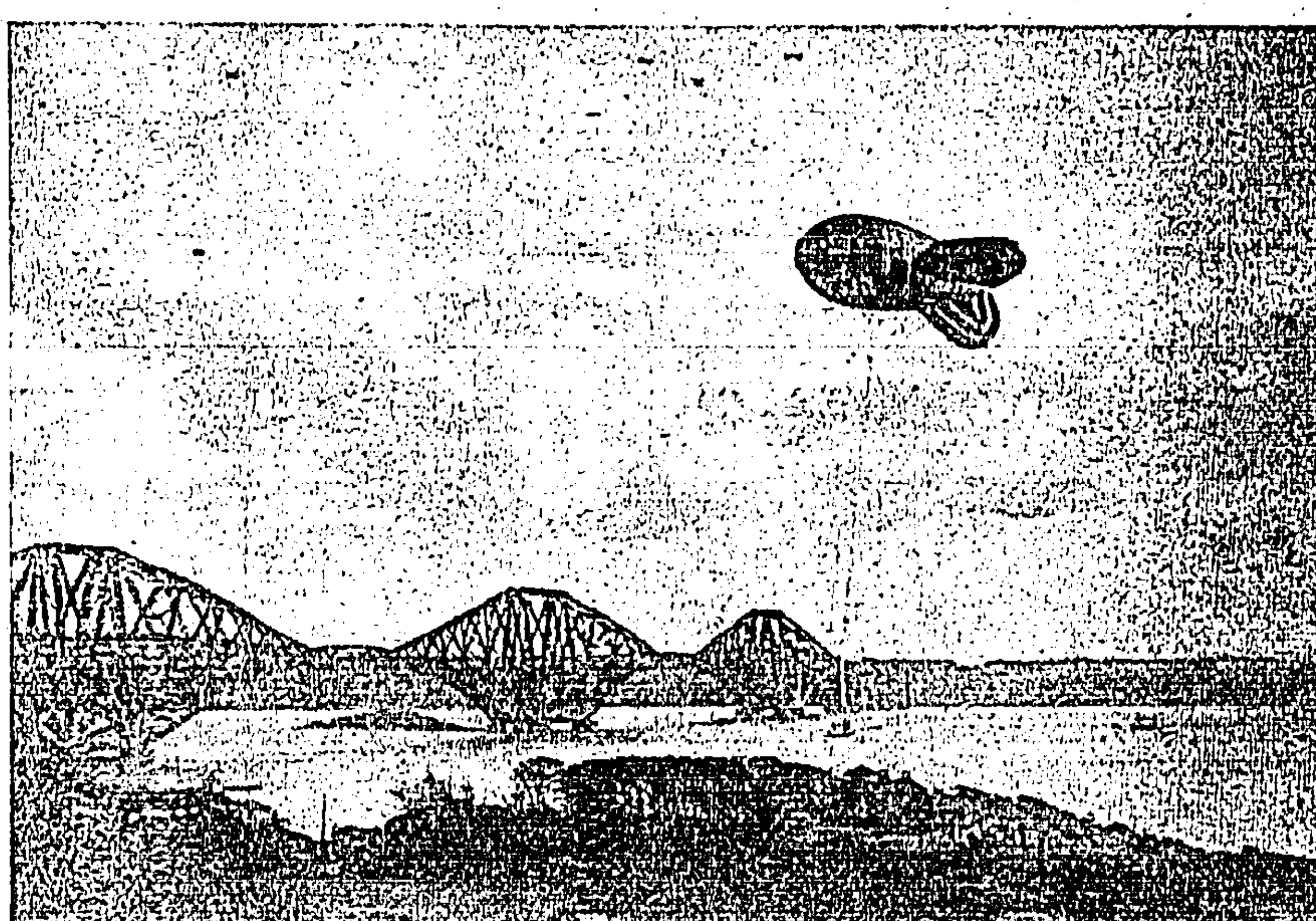
## Defendant Wins Case

### \$1,000 L.O.U. Claim Fails

Judgment in favour of A. A. Rum-jahn, defendant in a claim for money, was delivered by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning. Plaintiff was Cheng Sak-min and he claimed \$1,000 from Rum-jahn, on an L.O.U.

Defendant Corroborated  
Plaintiff's evidence, said His Lordship, was uncorroborated and was largely vitiated by his statement that before he advanced the \$1,000 he had lost faith in the defendant. On the other hand, defendant's story was corroborated in many material points by his two witnesses.

His Lordship said he believed plaintiff had risked his money in a joint venture which appeared to have failed and which may well have been a swindle from the beginning. He was not satisfied that there was a personal loan and therefore, judgment was for defendant.



A VIEW AT THE FORTH BRIDGE SHOWING PART OF THE BALLOON BARRAGE.

## IN PIRATES' HANDS FOR TWO WEEKS Junks' Crews And Passengers Are Held Captive

CAPTURED by pirates in Chinese waters on December 21, the crew and passengers of two cargo junks were held prisoners for two weeks before they were released on January 6. A report of the occurrence was made to the Hongkong Police yesterday by Leung Choi, 33, trader.

## America Must Face— Possibility Of Allied Defeat

### New Appeal For Naval Defences

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, told the House Naval Affairs Committee that the United States "must face the possibility of an Allied defeat and measure the potential strength of the enemy" in estimating the navy's needs.

### Needs Are More Urgent

He said the navy's estimates were increased for defence requirements as a result of the Munich conference, and they had become "more urgent" with the outbreak of war. He said that an increase of 25 per cent amounting to 400,000 tons was a compromise figure—in other words it was what the navy would be able to lay down and build with existing facilities, and which the country would be able to afford.

## Solicitors Owed \$160

### Judgment Against E.D. Sykes

For professional services rendered, Messrs. Deacons, represented by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, instituted a claim for \$160 against E. D. Sykes, before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning.

Sykes was absent. Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, a solicitor of Messrs. Deacons, said that on August 3, 1938, Sykes consulted him concerning an agreement he wanted to draw up with certain other persons with regard to the chartering of a tug and some lighter. After several interviews over that matter, he drew an agreement for Sykes and gave him a copy. Subsequently, Sykes' bill was made up and it amounted to more than \$150, but only that sum was charged. On August 10, 1938, Sykes had consulted him and received advice on another matter and the bill for this was \$10.

Mr. Mackinlay said both bills had been sent to Sykes and nothing had been heard from him about either. Judgment with costs was given against Sykes.

Leung, who owned cargo to the value of \$6,600, which was consigned for Hongkong on two junks, said he left Tai Kwong on December 20. He was on one of the junks, which both set out together. On the morning of December 21, when near Man King Sha, two large sampans were sighted.

These vessels, on approaching the cargo junks, fired a number of shots, forcing both junks to heave-to. Each sampan held nine men, and the occupants of one boarded the junk Leung was on. The pirates brought with them a machine-gun, rifles and revolvers.

The crew and passengers were herded below decks and were forced by the pirates to unload the cargo. They were kept prisoners on one of the junks until January 6, when they were allowed to leave on one of the captured vessels.

## Selling Dog's Flesh

### Two Eating House Keepers Fined

Two unlicensed eating houses in Central district doing considerable business in serving dogs' flesh, were raided by the Sanitary Department yesterday.

A house in Wing Kat Street was raided early yesterday morning. In the flat were five Chinese eating dogs' flesh, and the carcass of a dog was found in the kitchen. Au Siu-leung, the keeper, was fined \$30 or a month's hard labour when he appeared before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning for keeping an unlicensed eating house. A similar sentence was imposed on Kwong Sum. When Kwong's flat in Aberdeen Street was raided, nine persons were found having a meal of dogs' flesh. There was also a large quantity of dogs' flesh in a pot.

### Unwholesome Food

Charged before Mr. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with possession of unwholesome food in the form of a dead pig, three men were fined \$100 each or two months' hard labour. The men were Li Ping, 36, unemployed, Lam Siu, 20, and Chen Cheung, 64. They were arrested by a Sanitary Inspector when they were seen trying to sell the pig.

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, returned to England to-day after a visit to the front.

## FINN GRIP TIGHTENS

### FROM PAGE ONE

The Russians used up much of their meagre supply of shells in an attempt to break the Finnish cordon, and afterwards launched waves of infantry attacks, which, however, perished in the face of the withering Finnish machine-gun fire.

Attempts by the Russians to regain part of the territory lost last week in the Petsamo (Arctic) region were, according to Finnish reports, repulsed.

The Moscow-Radio broadcast a Red Army communiqué to-day, saying: "Nothing important on the front. Reconnaissance planes were active."

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—The Russians, following an artillery bombardment, launched an attack in the Petsamo region, which was preceded by tanks. The attack was repulsed.

Fresh Red Army troops are reported to be gathering in the Salla region in an attempt to relieve the division which has been cut off. In the Karelian Isthmus, Finnish troops have regained some territory.

### Women Aid Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 11 (UP).—Reports from Helsinki state that the Finnish Government is planning to call up city women—both those who have been evacuated and those who remained in the cities—for special training courses as farm helpers.

The courses are beginning now in order to have the women ready for Spring, when they will be distributed among the farmers.

There is also at present a shortage of skilled women factory workers, which the Government hopes to relieve through enlistment from abroad.

### 18,000 Marooned On Central Front

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—There is reason to believe that yet another Russian force is in a tight corner in Northern Finland.

Finnish aid patrols have cut the main road from Salla and Comajarvi to Salmijarvi at several places, thus marooning a force of about 18,000 Russians who are believed to be some 20 miles in front of the point which has been cut.

The Russians would appear to be in an unenviable position with the Finns advancing upon them from both flanks and down the centre.

It is reported that the Russians are rushing up between 35,000 and 40,000 reinforcements from the railroad of Kandalaksha.

### Attack On Coast?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (UP).—A series of heavy far-away detonations were distinctly heard this afternoon from the south coast and the south-west. The noise was supposed to be the firing of the heavy coastal batteries, although there has been no announcement of any attack, and no alarm was sounded.

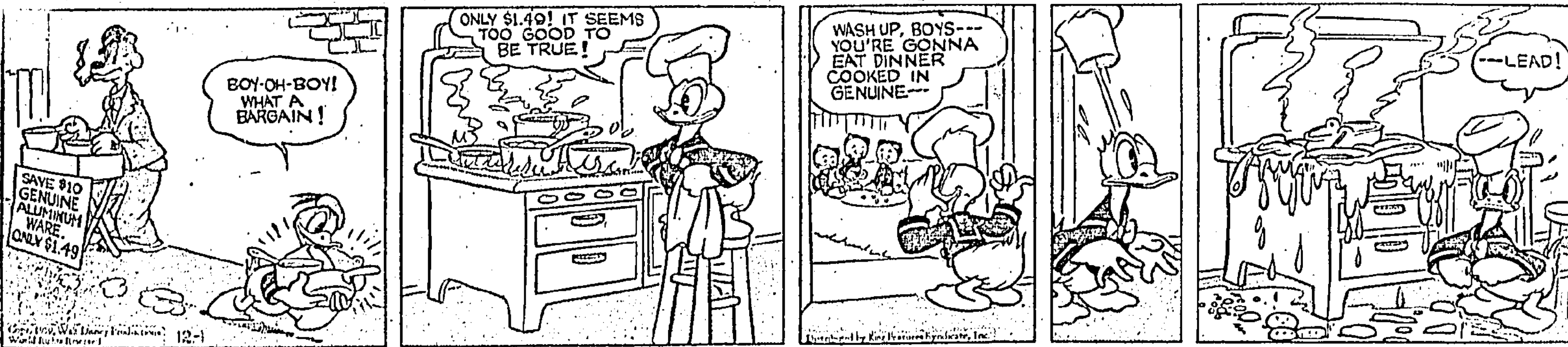
One Russian General was killed, and 40 officers, including one Colonel, were taken prisoner in the rout of the 44th Red division.

### General's Disgrace

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—According to the correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidende," the Russian soldiers captured in Finland state that after the defeat of the Soviets at the battle of Suomussalmi, General Vinogradov was broken with despair and disappeared with a few men into the forest. The correspondent recalls that General Samonov disappeared in a similar manner 25 years ago after his Tannenberg defeat, and adds that General Vinogradov will never be seen again, or possibly his body will be discovered when the spring sun melts the snow.



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## WESTERN FRONT FRENCH ATTACK NAZI LINES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
 BERLIN, Jan. 11 (UP).—Germans entrenched before the Saar city of Kreuzberg were taken completely by surprise this morning, when the French launched a bayonet charge.

The D.N.B. admits that the French troops broke into the German lines. After severe fighting, states the German report, the French withdrew, leaving a number of dead and wounded. Several panzers were taken prisoner, the Nazi report claims.

An official German communiqué mentions the incident as follows: "An enemy attack with the strength of one company was launched south of Saarbrücken to-day. It was repulsed by a counter-attack and several French soldiers were killed or wounded. Prisoners were taken."

The official French communiqué limits itself to declaring that there has been increased activity on the Western Front.

### Aerial Activity

Bad weather again interfered with aerial reconnaissance to-day, and, according to a British Air Ministry report, only flights of minor importance were made.

The official French communiqué claims that "one German plane was shot down."

### Penetrated Two Miles

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Reuters).—A German official communiqué admits that a French company succeeded in breaking through the German outpost defence system in the region of Forbach and penetrated a distance of two miles.

### Western Front Becomes Lively

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—Today's communiqué states that there was increased artillery activity on either side and also a fair amount of activity on the part of both forces.

### Outburst Of Air Activity

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—A fresh outburst of air activity has occurred on the Western Front, where cold and dry weather has brought excellent visibility.

### Planes Taken To The Air

Planes have taken to the air in large numbers on both sides and have been engaged in photography and reconnaissance missions over the front, with fighter aircraft giving the necessary protection.

### The Germans Have Also Made

several long distance reconnaissance flights over Northern and Eastern France, as well as day flights towards the east coast of Britain.

### It is believed that the object of

these night flights was the laying of magnetic mines.

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9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

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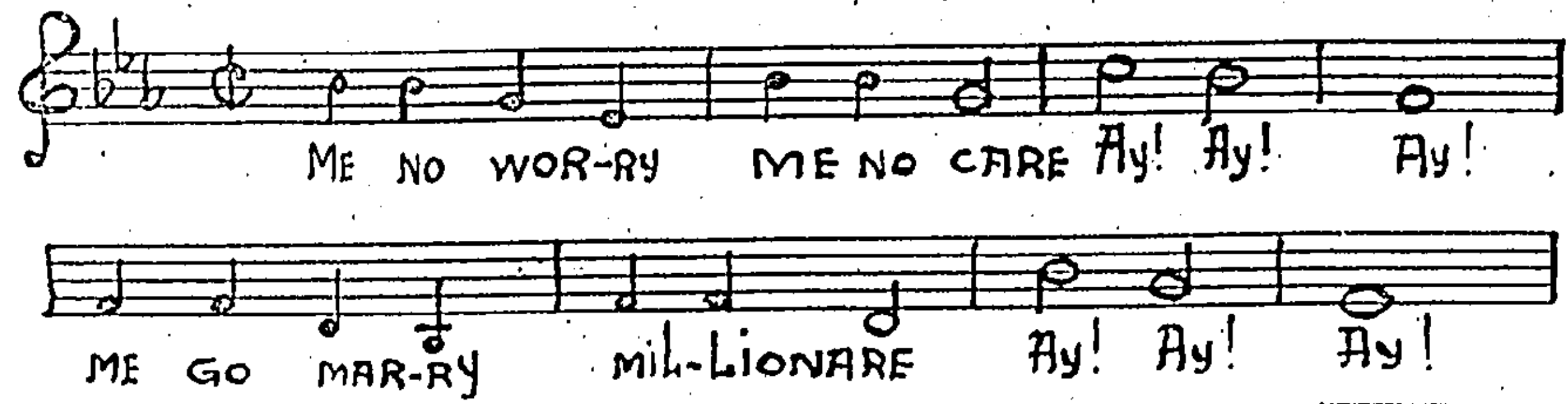
10.00 Studio—"The Beauty of England"—4. East Anglia.

10.25 Light Orchestral and Vocal Variety.

11.00 Close Down.

## Mr. Stanley Better

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—Mr. Oliver Stanley, the newly-appointed War Minister, is starting his duties at the War Office on Friday. To-night he is very much better.



## Nick Korin's "Boys" Composed This Song

NIC KORIN, LEADER OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL'S POPULAR SWING BAND, IS TO INTRODUCE A NEW NUMBER IN THE GRIPPS ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

It has been composed by two members of his Band. So far, it has not received a title. But it certainly has everything.

## PUBLIC TO OBTAIN GAS-MASKS

H.K. Government To Sell At Cost Price

The Hongkong Government had decided to obtain a certain number of General Civilian Respirators in order that members of the general public might be given an opportunity to purchase them from Government at cost price.

### In pursuance of this policy, it is

now desired to obtain the names of all those members of the community who wish to purchase a General Civilian Respirator.

### It is not anticipated that it will be

necessary to place the cost of this respirator at more than \$2.50.

### In order that the authorities may be

in a position to ascertain the number of persons requiring respirators, a form—No. G.C.R.I., has been forwarded to all Divisional and District Police Stations throughout the Colony, and will be placed in boxes provided for the purpose on Thursday, January 12.

### Any person desirous of registering his or her name

with a view to purchasing a respirator should apply either personally to the nearest Police Station in the district in which he lives, or in writing to the Director of Air Raid Precautions, A.I.P. Department, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, for Form No. G.C.R.I., which should be completed and forwarded to the Director of Air Raid Precautions.

### As the information desired by the

authorities can all be included on a single form, it is only necessary to obtain and complete one form for the whole of your household or factory.

### When these forms have been

returned to the A.R.P. Department, applicants will be asked to attend at places which will be specified at a later date, in order that the respirators can be fitted and exact sizes noted. They will then be issued receipt vouchers to be exchanged for respirators when issue is made.

### It is not proposed to issue these

respirators until the actual necessity arises; meanwhile Government is prepared to keep them in safe custody in a store specially erected to prevent deterioration. Should, however, any member of the public desire to retain his respirator, he is at liberty to do so, but Government cannot take no responsibility as to its subsequent efficiency, neither can it agree to store a respirator once it has been issued.

### Should the occasion arise, the

respirators will be distributed to various depots throughout the Colony, and members of the public who have booked respirators will be instructed where to draw them on production of their receipt vouchers.

## Paderewski Back In Harness

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—M. Ignace Paderewski, the well-known pianist and former Premier of Poland, who was appointed first member of the Polish Council of State, has arrived at Angers, the headquarters of the Polish Government.

The music was composed by P. Ballditsky, and the words are by Bob Bateh.

An alternative chorus, which you will hear Nick Korin sing on Saturday night, is written in "pidgin" English.

Here are the two choruses:

"Never worry, never care; 'Try to find a sugar daddy millionaire."

"Who'll be kind, and if he's fat; 'Don't be scared."

"Dad and fat boys are not bad 'They're well bred."

"Make him your honey 'Life will be sunny."

"Don't be too funny, 'When he wants to get."

"If your sugar daddy dies, don't get cry."

"Try to find another guy—bye and bye."

The "Pidgin" Chorus

The alternative chorus, in "pidgin" English, is:

"Me no worry, me no care, 'Ah, ay, ay."

"Me no marry millionaire, 'Bye and bye."

"Millionaire boy not so bad, 'Ah, ay, ay."

"Plenty money, too much fat, 'Tup, eh, tup."

"He call me honey, give me plenty money."

"Money, money make me very old."

"Millionaire boy, if he die 'Me no cry."

"Me go catcher 'nother guy, 'Bye and bye."

The orchestration has been scored by Nick Korin who, incidentally, does most of the scoring of the numbers played by his Band at the Gripps.

### During recent weeks, Nick Korin

has popularized in Hongkong the latest war songs, such as "Washington," "The Starry Line" and "Dear Barbel Polka." He is now working on several new war hits that have just been received from Home and which will probably be introduced at the Gripps on Saturday night.

## When A White Sheep Meets A Black Sheep

It's A Case Of Give Up That Wool You Nazi

SANTOS, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—The 16,000-ton German liner, Windhuik, which has been forbidden to leave port, will unload its cargo of British-owned wool.

The wool belongs to the Drefus Company of London, on whose request the Windhuik was detained following the refusal of the captain to unload it. The wool, 93 tons in all, was taken on board at Port Elizabeth before the war.

### And That's Not All

At the same time, the South African Mining Company has also sent documents for the purpose of obtaining the release of 1,600 tons of chrome ore carried by the Windhuik.

The 30 passengers who have been aboard since the outbreak of war have been disembarked and taken to Sao Paulo.

## MORE AID FOR FINNS

Sweden To Honour Obligations

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—Help for Finland continues to arrive from all quarters, and the three Scandinavian countries continue to show their determination to help Finland beat off the Soviet aggressors.

Sweden is conscious of her obligation to give the Finnish people all the material and humanitarian help that she can, said King Gustaf at the opening of Parliament this morning.

The Swedish people have shown their willingness to make sacrifices, he said. They are now strong and united, and their will to help Finland has been unmistakably expressed.

The security of the country now comes to the forefront and social reforms must be postponed in favour of defence.

### Special Military Budget

The 1940-41 Swedish budget is £41,000,000 and the Swedish Government will establish a special military budget to allocate expenditure.

In Norway, the people are taking a great interest in the preparations for the development of civil defence against air raids. Nearly £25,000 has been collected for the Finnish Relief Fund.

A Danish ambulance car is now on the way to Finland and another is to leave in a few days.

From Helsingfors comes news that the first detachment of Italian volunteers has arrived. The detachment will be known as the Garibaldi Legion.

### Finland Still Needs Help

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—In an interview to-day, the Finnish Foreign Minister asked the countries of the world not to slacken their assistance because of the recent Finnish successes at Suomussalmi.

Finland, he said, still urgently needs help.

### £4,000,000 For Relief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—Mr. Hamilton Fish, the Republican member of the House of Representatives, is proposing that £4,000,000 be spent for Finnish relief purposes.

The resolution he is putting forward provides that the money must be spent for the purchase and transport of food and clothing and not for armaments.

### Italian Planes Returned

TALLINN, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—The Italian planes which were held up by the Nazi Government on their way through to Finland are to be returned to Italy.

The Nazis, it is understood, decided to return the planes as the result of strong representations by the Italian Government.

### Medical Supplies For Finland

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wireless).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare states to-night that 25 cases and four boxes of Red Cross and Relief goods for Finland have been released from the American steamer, Moormasun, at present detained at the Contraband Control base of Kilkenny. These goods will be transhipped as soon as possible.

### Italy May Send Planes

Through Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Jan. 11 (UP).—Owing to the German stoppage, in the port of Genoa, of Italian war supplies for Finland, it is believed possible that arrangements may be made whereby Italy will be given facilities

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**Rhodesia's War Effort**  
 Details Now Being Discussed  
 LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuters).—Conversations between Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, and Mr. R. C. Tredgold, the Rhodesian Minister of Defence, who arrived in London yesterday, began in the Dominions Office to-day.  
 It is understood that they are working out details of the destinations of Rhodesia's volunteers.  
 Well-informed circles greatly appreciate South Rhodesia's war effort, particularly the offer of providing personnel for three air force squadrons in any war front.  
 It is understood that Britain has accepted the offer.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—**The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Mr. Clarence Gauss as the first United States Minister to Australia.

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 F1507—Love Serenade. (Drigo) ..... Victor Sylvester & Orch.  
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### Guns For Butter

Dr. Ley—whose name is pronounced like the English word "le"—has recently been boasting that the German Labour Front, of which he is the leader, has cured unemployment in Germany and improved the lot of the German workers.

It is perhaps unfortunate that this claim should synchronise with the substitution of a ten-hour for an eight-hour day; but Mr. George Hicks, M.P., has not been content with that refutation of the claim. In a spirited statement he has underlined a few home truths which Dr. Ley, discreetly enough, ignored. He points out, for instance, that in Germany there are no longer any independent trades unions or other organisations to protect the worker's interests; and that overtime, night-work, Sunday work and holiday work have all been vastly increased while payment for these exactions is forbidden by law. The German worker, Mr. Hicks adds, is now in effect subject to forced labour.

This is the consequence of the deliberate policy of producing guns instead of butter—the policy so dear to the heart of Field-Marshal Goering, whose frame suggests that he himself has not had to make choice between the alternatives which he imposes on others.

Trade unionists in this country may have to reckon nowadays with a rise in prices; but at least they are not in the same case as the Hamburg dockers, who have to work 12 hours a day for 25 marks a week on the fortifications of the Western frontier. "It is clear," pungently remarks Mr. Hicks, "that Dr. Ley has cured unemployment in the way that Pharaoh cured it when his press-gangs herded up the Israelites." It is hardly conceivable that Hitlerism, with these characteristics, can have much attraction for the workers in any land; and to crown the mockery of Dr. Ley's boasting

## NEWS FROM AMERICA by Robert Waithman

# Britain Will Lose American Support, Unless . .

NEW YORK.  
THE complexion of things here, the entire American attitude to the war, is changing. Though the overwhelming majority of Americans still want to see the British and French win, the number of those who believe the United States should or will enter the war has decreased.

From the beginning the desire of Americans to stay out of the war has been almost unanimous, but a few weeks ago it was being qualified by a feeling that it might become necessary to fight. Fewer people now think it will become necessary for the United States to fight. More people are ready to accept the view that America can safely and honourably stay out.



A QUESTION put by Mr. George Ridley in the House of Commons and the reply Sir Edward Grigg made to it seem to show that the British Government is aware of this change in American sentiment. But it seems also that the Government is attributing what is happening to the success here of German propaganda and the lack of publicity for the British point of view. Sir Edward Grigg promised "constant endeavour to secure the largest measure of publicity in the United States" on the British war effort.

If the Government does believe that the United States is being swayed by German propaganda and that the solution is to increase the flow of British



That's how we got it in the neck the last time  
(Chicago Sunday Tribune)

"news and other information," then I think the Government is wrong. German propaganda here is failing, and if the Government is now proposing to attempt the output of counter-propaganda, whether it calls it that or not, it will be, in my opinion, inviting a failure ten times as great.

The present change in American feeling has little or nothing to do with propaganda. It seems to me it is explained by a sense of moral frustration which has come over this country within the last few weeks. Everybody is beginning to show it. Senators and Congressmen, writers and broadcasters and the man you meet in the drug store or office corridor or hotel elevator.

They don't all know what it is they are feeling. Some of them ask: "When are they going to start fighting this war?" They think things would be clear and that they would understand everything better if there

were some action. But they would not, for what is troubling them most deeply is not the lack of action but the lack of direction. America won't come in. Where-  
I AM as sure as I have ever been of anything that this, the sensation of moral let-down, is behind, for example, the new results from the Gallup polls. Instead of, as at the beginning of the war, a majority belief that America will be drawn into the war, there is now a slight majority belief that America won't come in. Where-  
as at the beginning of the war 44 per cent. of voters were in favour of joining Britain and France if or when Germany appeared to be winning, only 29 per cent. would do so now.

The Germans are pretty sure to ascribe these changes to their propaganda. But in fact German propaganda so far has misfired at every point. The Athenia story and the Iroquois story were epic propaganda failures, and even the deluge of stories and pictures sent here to demonstrate the invincibility of the Nazi legions in Poland did more harm than good. Nazis seem incapable of realising that American minds do not work as their own minds work, and that Americans, so far from admiring demonstrations of might, are instinctively drawn to the under-dog.

German propaganda has failed here because it has proceeded on the assumption that Americans are in the same state of mind as they were during the last war. The truth is that twenty years of intensive home propaganda directed against foreign propaganda has changed Americans from a people who would believe everything to a people who will believe nothing.



HAS the British Government noticed what happened to Mr. Duff Cooper on his arrival here? He gave an interview in which he expressed the conviction that a revolution staged by Conservative elements will break out in Germany.

If any British Cabinet Minister had made such a public prophecy during the last war the fact would have been recorded liberally across the front pages. But the competent "New York Times" gave Mr. Duff Cooper only two-thirds of a column on a relatively obscure, inside page.

This was (1) because the idea was not a new one, and (2) because Mr. Duff Cooper has to be classed here, however reluctantly, as a British propagandist.

As he now prepares to tour the country, one of the anti-war organisations is pressing the Secretary of State to give a ruling on whether he, Lord Marley and all other visiting British and French lecturers and speakers shall be required to register as agents of foreign principals, under a law passed last year with the precise intention of attaching a public label to suspected propagandists.



THERE may be a case for providing Americans with lectures, but there is a far better case for providing them with a lead. The cry for a lead seems to come out of the long and revealing debate on neutrality, and in a different sense it is coming from American business men, who are now manifesting a serious doubt whether a war boom is to be desired. Most of all it is shown in the recurrent talk of the possibility of a mediation move by President Roosevelt.

Americans feel that peace—the right kind of peace, with Hitlerism gone and a new world design to work on—ought to be possible. They are discouraged and frustrated because no design has been drawn.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Now, don't get a stroke—if you think they're too expensive I'll take them right back after our dinner party next Sunday!

## James Agate picked this out

Come, Sleep, and with thy  
sweet deceiving  
Lock me in delights awhile;  
Let some pleasing dreams  
beguile  
All my fancies; that from  
thence  
I may feel an influence,  
All my powers of care  
bereaving!  
Though but a shadow, but a  
sliding,  
Let me know some little  
joy!  
We that suffer long annoy  
Are contented with a  
wrought  
Through an idle fancy  
wrought  
O, let my joys have some  
abiding!  
—Beaumont and Fletcher.  
[Francis Beaumont 1584-  
1616, John Fletcher 1670  
1625.]

Is the Nazi pretension that compensation for all sacrifice is provided by the Strength through Joy movement. Strength there may be; but where, one asks, is the joy?



# Appalling Conditions In Kwangtung's Capital Revealed CANTON CURRENCY WIPED OUT BY AMAZING MANOEUVRE

## Hundreds of Refugees Are Saved from Starving

AMONG the many notable efforts by the Church to alleviate the sufferings of the starving and wounded Chinese refugees—victims of aggression in Kwangtung, is the medical relief work carried out at Chung Shan in connection with the Diocesan Rural Reconstruction Work.

Two refugee centres—at Tsui Hang and Ngan Hang—are now being operated, in addition to the Cuolap benevolent hospital.

An appeal is being issued for monetary assistance and gifts in kind. The latter include padded quilts, warm clothing, mosquito nets, medical supplies, school materials and toys.

It is pointed out that \$10 Hongkong currency will feed, clothe, educate and supply medical care for a refugee child for two months. Over 20 war-orphan have been adopted, and sympathisers have opportunities to adopt others if they care.

Gifts of any nature will be gratefully received either at the Bishop's House, Hongkong or by the Superintendent, Refugee Centre, Ngan Hang, Chung Shan.



A SERIES of amazing arbitrary measures has wiped out the former Kwangtung Provincial currency in Canton during the last few weeks, according to a foreign resident who has just returned to Hongkong, and who gave an exclusive interview to the "Telegraph" to-day.

It is not yet known whether the manoeuvre is a money-changers' "racket", an attempt by the Japanese to supersede the Chinese currency with Japanese military notes (which are worthless outside of Canton and have practically no value in the city itself), or is inspired by the National Government to deter the Chinese from remaining in, or returning to Canton.

**Overnight Worthlessness**  
The fact remains, however, that hundreds of thousands of dollars have become worthless almost overnight. The first sign of the disastrous manoeuvre was given a week ago when money-changers and retailers refused to accept Kwangtung Bank \$5 bills. However, subsequently it was discovered that they had to be changed into \$1 notes at 70 per cent. of their par value.

The next day residents were dismayed to find that it was necessary to possess only new \$1 notes. Old or defunct notes were not accepted. Twenty-four hours later came another order. The notes had to be half old and half new.

Neither was this the last straw. A \$1 note had to be changed into 20 cent notes, although naturally not at par value.

**The Coup De Grace**  
The final action which gave the coup de grace to Kwangtung Provincial currency (at least for the time being) was the announcement that the 20 cent notes were no longer legal tender and must be changed into Japanese military currency.

Conditions in Canton are appalling. The Japanese are indulging in wholesale looting, even well-to-do Chinese being dragged out of their cars at the point of the bayonet and sent outside of the city to labour under strict surveillance on roads and other construction works.

Large batches are taken out daily, and their relatives and friends are left to hear from them, nor see them for weeks at a stretch.

**Banditry Rife**  
Banditry is rife in the villages around Canton, and Japanese authorities "lasts only until about 7 o'clock at night." Then the marauders, who include most of the worst elements who before the war had been kept under control by the Chinese authorities, light and plunder wherever they can.

The Japanese are making strenuous efforts to persuade foreign church workers to co-operate with them in the task of gaining the confidence and assistance of the Chinese residents.

Pseudo-social conferences and dinners have been called, Japanese have served only to cloak political meetings.

The majority of the Chinese residents are still wholly anti-Japanese, although they are forced by circumstances—usually hunger—to work with the Japanese.

There is again a very big population in Canton, but it is of a transitional character, with the people coming into the city and leaving it again within a few days.

**Effect Of European War**  
The foreign-controlled refugee centres have had to be closed down, largely as a result of the European war which has not only meant the withdrawal of financial assistance from the people in England, but also the loss of a regular gift of wheat from America. However, in place of the camps, the foreign churches have instituted food centres where, armed with an authorised chit, the starving Chinese can obtain a bowl of "chow" every day. Hongkong relief funds are making contributions to this work.

**Belgians Still Protesting**  
BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Government has protested to Berlin against flying over Belgian territory following the landing of a German plane.

**Other descriptions of drugs and medicines including medicinal herbs and roots, Paperware, Books and Printed Matter, Joss Sticks and Paper, Perfumery and Cosmetics, Goods manufactured wholly or partly in other countries.**

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Fresh Fruits, Tea, black, Vegetables, dried and preserved. Other provisions, n.o.c., including ginger, salted and sugar preserved in syrup, or sugar, beer, and Ale, Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Groundnuts, Groundnut Oil, Batteries, for hand flash lamps, Dipsos, and Shoes (leather), Proprietary Medicines.

## Japanese Cabinet Crisis During Coming Week-End

### GEN. ABE EXPECTED TO RESIGN ON SATURDAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

JAPANESE OBSERVERS believe that General Abe will either tender his resignation or be defeated in the Diet on Saturday.

It is thought that he will be succeeded by Prince Konohe, who, it will be recalled, was Premier before General Abe.

A "Domei" message from Tokyo lends colour to this belief.

Leading members of the Seiyukai Party called on Prince Konohe at his residence last night and "encouraged him to undertake the conduct of the political situation."

There has, according to "Domei," been intense political activity in Tokyo.

The Premier yesterday received several Ministers and informed them of his decision.

**Konohe May Return**  
Shortly afterwards, he visited Prince Saton, the only surviving Elder Statesman, to whom he explained his views regarding the crisis.

Prince Konohe resigned the Premiership when Germany signed the military pact with Soviet Russia. If he is re-elected Premier, it is believed that he will support the military and naval cliques and will be hostile to any move for an alliance with the Soviet.

**Fateful Week-End**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Jan. 12 (UP).—The Japanese political crisis will come to a head on Saturday or Sunday, according to the well-informed "Nichi-Nichi."

Due to the uncompromising attitude adopted in Army and Navy circles the Premier, General Abe, has decided to face the Diet during the week-end, the newspaper claims.

General Abe will attend a meeting of the Privy Council on Saturday, when the protocol extending the fishery agreement between Russia and Japan will be considered.

The senior Japanese statesmen are anxious that the current political crisis should be settled as early as possible, and are now sounding out Japanese military, financial and political circles.

The elder statesmen appear to be attempting to achieve two impossibilities—to bring about a satisfactory settlement of affairs in China and at the same time relieve the political tension at home.

**Resignation Believed Certain**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Jan. 12 (Domei).—The Japanese political rupture is moving slowly to its crisis. This morning, the Premier, General Abe revealed to his Cabinet colleagues his views on the situation. He said that the disposal of the China Affair now calls for a reorganisation of administrative affairs by a new Administration.

This is interpreted to mean that General Abe intends to resign.

The Premier will summon an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet on Sunday morning and will then make known his final step.

**Dutch Defence**  
THE HAGUE, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—The Government has introduced a Bill to establish a fund for economic defence in order to finance special measures arising from the war conditions, including keeping down the prices of the necessities of life.

## Restrictions On Hongkong Goods

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has circulated a statement on the control of imports to British Malaya, from Hongkong with a list of the various articles and goods affected.

The circular includes a full list of "prohibited goods," as well as "restricted goods," and it is stated, that according to unofficial information, providing no abuses creep in, restricted imports from Hongkong will still continue probable, at not much below the 1938 figures.

**Text Of Circular**  
The circular is as follows:  
With reference to the restriction of some imports from Hongkong, and the prohibition of other imports, enforced by the authorities of British Malaya as an exchange protection measure because Hongkong is outside the sterling bloc, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has now received further information on the subject.

In a semi-official communication it is stated that, provided abuses do not creep in, restricted imports from Hongkong will still continue at probably not much below the 1938 figures.

The prohibited list will be strictly interpreted. Restricted textiles of the types which have been controlled under the importation of Textiles (Quotas) Ordinance still continue to be controlled under that Ordinance and are not on the prohibited list. They may be called "restricted," but will still come in in reasonable quantities.

(In Malaya quota legislation applies not only to woven cloth in the piece but to made-up and knitted garments.)

**System Works Smoothly**  
Since the middle of September the system has been in force, and has been working quite smoothly, where by an importer in Malaya refers first to a Government Department for authority to import before he places an order. If they fail to do this, goods may be refused on arrival or there may be difficulties over exchange.

Even in respect of goods which are unregulated entirely importers in Malaya are furnishing particulars to the Government Department and applications are endorsed "Unregulated," so that subsequent exchange control import are facilitated.

In addition, goods—even though on the prohibited list—may be imported freely if they are for re-export elsewhere outside Malaya provided that a form of guarantee, which is well-known to importers, is lodged at the time of submitting the order.

The descriptions of prohibited and restricted goods appearing in the Straits Settlements Gazette of November 17 are drawn in rather wide terms, and it is only possible to ascertain which particular articles are included by reference to the code numbers which are given against such descriptions and comparing them with the corresponding code numbers given to items in the monthly volume of the Malayan statistics. In cases of doubt, reference should also be made to detailed lists given in the Federated Malay States Government Gazette of 27th November.

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**Prohibited List**  
The prohibited list includes the following goods (only items likely to affect Hongkong are given in this summary):—

Biscuits, Confectionery, Aerated Waters, Sugar Candy, Hosiery other than of cotton or of Artificial Silk, Outer Garments of the following descriptions if made of silk, wool, linen or silk and wool mixed:

Aprons, blouses, blazers, cardigans, coats, dresses, cloaks, capes, dresses, frocks, gait coats, gowns, gowns (bath), jowls (dressing), jackets, jerseys (football), jumpers, kimono, knickerbockers, macintoshes, mantles, mufflers, overalls, oilskins, overcoats, pullovers, pyjamas (beach), raincoats, skirts, rompers, sport bands (Japanese), skirts, sweaters, sports coats, suits, shawls, scarves, shorts, slippers, trousers, wraps.

Underwear, of the following descriptions if made of anything but artificial silk or cotton:

Children's brassieres, bloomers, cambray, chemise, corsets, corsets (bathing), dancing skirts, drawers, knickerbockers, nightgowns, nighties, nighties, panties, petticoats, pyjamas (sleeping), suspenders, (ladies), singlets, shirts, shirts (sports), slips, step-ins, teddies, undersuits, (men's) undies, vests.

The following descriptions of other articles of apparel, no matter of what materials, are prohibited:

Belts, braces, collars, gloves, pullets, suits (bathing), ties.

Paints and enamels prepared (ready mixed), Varnish, Soap, household and washing, Soap, toilet, Skins, tanned (undressed), Stationery (typewriting paper, duplicating paper, carbon paper, letter heads, note-paper, pads, compendiums, boxed stationery), Sailing Vessels, Steamships, Motor Vessels, Other Ships and Boats, Rubber Shoes, Cabinetwork and Furniture, Caskets, Caskets, etc.

Other descriptions of other goods:—bags of leather or material resembling leather for ladies, purses, paper lanterns, fancy leather goods, Lacquerware, Toys and Games, Umbrellas (covered with cloth).

**Restricted List**  
The list of goods the importation of which into British Malaya is restricted by permit includes the following:—

Fresh Fruits, Tea, black, Vegetables, dried and preserved. Other provisions, n.o.c., including ginger, salted and sugar preserved in syrup, or sugar, beer, and Ale, Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Groundnuts, Groundnut Oil, Batteries, for hand flash lamps, Dipsos, and Shoes (leather), Proprietary Medicines.

## RUSSO-JAPANESE TALKS START

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (UP).—The trade talks between the Soviet and Japanese delegates have started.

It is understood that the Japanese have presented the draft of an agreement which the Soviet delegates are studying.

The Russian negotiators are Ananias Mikoyan, Foreign Trade Commissar, and Yuri Kaganovich, Foreign Trade Vice-Commissar, while the Japanese delegation is headed by Ambassador Togo and Mr. Sikao Matsushima.

## MORE U.S. SHIPS FOR FAR EAST

Dramatic Race For Supremacy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (UP).—The prohibition against American warships visiting the war zone in Europe is leading to a dramatic race between the U.S. shipping lines to be first in the only remaining sea lanes—across the Pacific.

Yet another American shipping company announces that its ships are to be diverted to the Far East route. This is the well-known Barber Steamship Lines Inc., operators of the American-West-Africa Line.

Since 1923 they have operated a fleet of seven vessels on the New Orleans-Africa route.

**Five New Vessels**  
As from January 25, however, they will introduce five new twin-screw motor-ships on the New York-Far East route via the Panama Canal.

These new vessels will replace the "old" liners which have been employed on the run in recent months.

The new motorships, said an official of the line, will be faster and larger and will "provide the fastest service between New York, China and the Philippines."

However, it is included in the U.S. embargo which has been applied to American ships employed on routes to belligerent countries.

## INVENTOR TELLS OF DEATH-RAY

OAKLAND.—The United States already has a death ray available for war and facilities for manufacturing thousands of airplanes in days, rather than in months or years, Albert G. Burns, president of the Inventors of America, has revealed.

What America can do in these respects as well as in thousands of others will be made public, he said, at the annual convention of the association.

The airplane of the future will be made from plastic material, he indicated, and will be molded instead of being built piece by piece.

Turning out thousands of planes a day, is not a dream, Burns insists. "We know how to use plastic materials and we can pour out—and I mean pour out—airplane shells like waffles."

Burns, 51 years old, is the inventor of the sawtooth bread knife and various kinds of automobile locks.

Just returned from Lakewood, O., to complete arrangements for the annual convention and demonstration of the inventions of the Inventors of America, Burns declared:

"The death ray that has been perfected at Lakewood is already effective in the killing of dogs, cats and mice instantly. I witnessed the demonstrations there and the development of this ray has war potentialities in it."

On his trip east, Burns collected a large number of the latest inventions and gadgets that will be exhibited at the convention.

Among these is a perpetual motion rat trap, invented by a Minnesota man. The trap is a little box filled with mirrors. A piece of cheese hangs from the roof.

When a rat peeks in, it sees only the reflections of the piece of cheese, so numerous as to make it think it would be a perpetual rat's banquet.

When the rodent dashes in, the trap springs, and all that is necessary is to remove the body and the trap is ready for the next rat.

## BRITAIN TO BUY FROM AUSTRALIA

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wire).—The Ministry of Food announced to-day that they have entered into an agreement with the Australian Wheat Board to purchase 1,000,000 tons of wheat and flour. Arrangements for shipment are in hand and loading has commenced.

The Ministry of Food are taking complete control of all meat supplies in the country on January 15. Meat rationing, however, will not take effect until a later date.

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**QUEENS & ALHAMBRA**  
HONG KONG KOWLOON

## Japan-U.S. Commerce

Mexico May Become Go-Between

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 12 (Domei).—If the worst comes to the worst following the expiration of the American-Japanese trade treaty on January 26, there is a sound possibility that Japan will be able to receive scrap iron, raw cotton and other vital imports, including oil from America by shipping them via Mexico.

This was revealed by the Osaka branch of the Ministry of Commerce yesterday, and commenting on the statement, the "Nikkan Kogyo" prominent industrial newspaper, says: "This information must be reassuring at a time when the real intentions of the United States are in doubt."

The chief of the Research Department of the Trade Bank of Mexico is credited with making the suggestion that Mexico may not be averse to assuming the role of go-between for American-Japanese commerce.

Mexican officials state that there would possibly be no for minor difficulties in the way of such a plan, but these could be overcome.

## BEATING U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Anglo-French Shipping Tonnage Increases

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—It is officially stated in London that the number of British tankers in commission is larger than at the outbreak of war, when the tonnage was 3,270,000.

British losses to January 7 amounted to 68,000 tons, which are more than made good by building, acquisition and other ways.

The same is true of the French tanker fleet. Hence German activities have not interfered with normal supplies of petrol to the United Kingdom.

## Rio Turns Out To Cheer Ajax

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A large crowd thronged the Rio docks and cheered warmly when the British cruiser Ajax, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, victor over the Graf Spee, entered the harbour for the first time since the battle.

Mobbed by newspapermen, Admiral Harwood gave a vivid description of the fight.

A ball will be given to-night for the crew by the British colony.



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## Nazi Liner Scuttled In Atlantic

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CAPETOWN, Jan. 11 (P).—The German liner *Winkama*, 7,834 tons, was scuttled in the South Atlantic after being intercepted by a British warship. The crew was taken aboard the warship and the ship was scuttled at Capetown. They will be interned at Pretoria.

## Anarchy Faces The World

Mr. Cordell Hull's  
Gloomy Picture

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said the world faces anarchy unless it can be re-built on a new basis.

It is a sea of international law and rule by force with all goes with it," Mr. Hull declared.

Living Below Poverty Line

It is international law and morality being brushed aside in a large of the world. The major part of the purchasing power of nations has been absorbed in preparations for war. Thirty-three per cent of the world is living on the poverty line. The world is living on half rations as well as belligerents.

# R.A.F. Repulse Attacks On England And Scotland NAZI PLANES ATTACK WIDE AREA OVER BRITISH ISLES

## India Wants To Fight

Thousands Volunteer  
For Enlistment

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wire- less).—From almost every district of India reports continue to be received that there is no lessening of the desire, as clearly shown by the bulk of the Indian people in the early days of the war, to render such assistance as they can.

Countless numbers have offered themselves for enlistment, and many have had to be refused, even if only temporarily. To meet the overwhelming response and to mitigate disappointment, an explanation once again has been issued by the authorities in India, showing many important respects in which the present war differs from the last one.

Fully Adequate

During the early days of the war, it is explained, many thousands of Indian soldiers were brought into full army service. These included newly-enlisted men, reservists and members of mobilized Territorial units, and the large intake was fully adequate for India's requirements at the time. It must also be borne in mind that enlistment of greater numbers than are really necessary might entail interference with India's vital industries and with agriculture.

IN BRIGHT WINTER SUNSHINE, SAYS A "REUTER" MESSAGE, GERMAN WARPLANES MADE THE MOST EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE RAIDS OF THE WAR OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY.

No bombs were dropped, but crowds in many places stood spell-bound as they watched the bursts of anti-aircraft shrapnel around the raiders.

In several places large crowds saw British fighters ascend to give combat to the enemy, who fled out to sea as soon as the R.A.F. machines appeared.

The area visited extended from Scotland to the south-east coast of England.

## OFFICIAL VERSION

The official Air Ministry communique, quoted by "United Press," says of the raids:

"Enemy planes appeared over the Firth of Forth, the Humber, the Thames and several east coast cities to-day.

"All the attacks were repulsed. No bombs were dropped."

Among the cities visited by the Nazi raiders were Newcastle and Cullercoats.

Three planes participated in the raid on the Newcastle area. Six R.A.F. pursuit planes immediately took to the air and drove the raiders out to sea.

Three Nazi bombers which appeared over Scotland were also chased out to sea when R.A.F. machines offered combat shortly after noon.

A single plane appeared over Cullercoats and was driven off by intense anti-aircraft fire.

Attacks On Ships

German machines continued their attacks on merchantmen in the North Sea.

The R.A.F. came to the rescue of a steamer which was being attacked off Norfolk and succeeded in driving the German off.

An unnamed vessel sank after an explosion off the east coast. As it sank it was watched by hundreds of spectators on the shore.

North Sea Fight Admission

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The official German news agency admits that the German fighter machines which took part in the thrilling air battle over the North Sea were the latest type of Messerschmidt 110, or "destroyer planes."

Semi-official circles in London point out that the fact that the British bombers got the better of them tells its own story of the pluck and skill of the R.A.F. pilots.

French Down Two Planes

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Two Nazi planes were shot down over the French lines on Wednesday.

The French wireless commentator adds to this brief official communique the fact that the first weather, many air operations are reported.

French planes on a reconnaissance

## Slab Of Cement No-Man's Land!

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11 (UP).—Finland soldiers on the northern front who had established themselves in a well-camouflaged underground machine-gun post heard a noise on the roof of their hideout.

One of the Finns cautiously crawled through the tunnel leading to the pill-box to investigate.

He almost dropped dead with fright.

Standing atop the pill-box were some Russians, busily establishing a machine-gun nest of their own.

The Finn crawled back to warn his comrades below.

They crept out of their concrete prison and, sneaking up behind the Russians, let fly with their hand-grenades.

## Tribute To Seamen

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wire- less).—The "Yorkshire Post" to-day pays editorial tribute to the heroism of merchant seamen. "These men of the merchant fleet follow a tradition as courageous and enduring as that of the fighting services. It is a tradition upon which we depend for our very lives in wartime, and we know we shall never depend upon it vainly."

"It shines bravely in the calm discipline with which the crew of the Dunbar Castle on Tuesday ensured that their passengers reached safety before they gave a thought to their own lives. It flowed in the surging response made by fishermen to the call of volunteers for the hazardous task of fighting magnetic mines. It reveals itself movingly in the rescue work carried out day by day by life-boatmen."

A fine of \$10 was imposed on N. Tinkankin, of the Jockey Club Stables, by Mr. Houston at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, when he was summoned for leaving his motor car unattended in Wandch Road near the Cathay Theatre on December 11.

## Nazi Air 'Blitzkrieg' Imminent?

Widest Activity  
Of The War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Jan. 11 (UP).

—The widespread reconnaissance flights by German planes over England and Scotland yesterday has increased fears that the oft-threatened Nazi aerial "blitzkrieg" is imminent.

Further details of the raids have now been issued. They disclose that three Spitfire pursuit planes—the fastest machines in the R.A.F., saved three freighters from Nazi planes in the North Sea.

The action occurred while the Germans, in what is the widest aerial activity of the war so far, roamed along the east coasts of England and Scotland, attacking small vessels, photographing the terrain and dodging vigorous R.A.F. and A.A. counter-attacks.

The Spitfire fighters, patrolling the Norfolk coast, sighted the German bombers circling fifty feet above the freighters.

The Heinkel hurriedly dropped its nest of bombs and fled in an easterly direction.

"Gave Him Several Bursts"

As the crews of the freighters shouted themselves hoarse, the British planes gave chase.

From there on a R.A.F. pilot takes up the story:

"We kept on the German's tail and tenaciously followed him until he was forty miles out to sea."

"We gave him several bursts from our machine-guns."

"Then he dived to the sea, with smoke pouring out of his tail, one of his wings crumpling, and his port motor out of action."

Several other actions of a similar nature are being reported and tabulated by the Air Ministry.

Silt Damage Confirmed

Confirmation of the reports of the damage to the Hindenburg Dam during yesterday's raids is now to hand.

The barrage, which German raiders with the island of Sylt, and carries, in addition to a highway, a railway connection.

Eye-witnesses in Toender, the Danish border town, now report that the R.A.F. machines scored hits on the barrage.

The German admission of the R.A.F. raid on Sylt was made by the German official news agency in a report this morning. It said: "The only British success during the raid was the dropping of bombs on the Danish island of Toen."

West Front Dog-Fight

An official German communique also reports a major dog-fight on the Western Front, in which nine R.A.F. bombers of the Bristol Blenheim type were engaged by Messerschmidt pursuit planes.

The German version claims that three of the Bristol machines were shot down. It is officially admitted that one German machine was lost.

Cannonade Mystery

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—The Hindenburg Dam, linking the German naval base at Sylt with the mainland, appears to have been hit by slightly damaged in the British raid.

Yesterday morning a train was observed to move slowly along the dam, and to stop half-way. It failed to proceed further. Later, however, another train, moving very cautiously, completed the journey across the causeway.

Danish residents in the region persist in the statement that heavy firing was heard from the direction of the island of Sylt during daylight on Wednesday, but it is insisted in London that this had nothing to do with the R.A.F.

No British planes were in the area during daylight, says London.

Forced To Land

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—A big German bomber has made a forced landing at Skarbeck, south of Jutland.

The crew immediately set fire to the plane before surrendering to the authorities.

Direct Hit

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—Two eye-witnesses of Wednesday's air battle say that they saw a foreign plane aim three bombs on the Hindenburg Dam.

The eye-witnesses are of the opinion that one bomb scored a hit.

## Fanling Golf Starting Times

The following starting times have been arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club for to-morrow and Sunday:

To-morrow

OLD COURSE

2.00 D. S. Edwards, Capt. Reddy.  
2.04 C. H. Brown, A. B. Purvis.  
2.08 E. W. Kirk, W. M. Barton.

Sunday

OLD COURSE

8.16 J. C. S. & J. A. D. Morrison.  
8.20 A. L. Potter, E. L. Grooms.  
8.24 A. H. McElroy, J. H. Williamson.

8.28 G. W. Behrman, C. F. Marshall.  
8.32 H. Young, F. Groves.  
8.36 E. Davidson, C. C. M. Wylie.

8.40 D. Forbes, H. F. Sommers.  
8.44 J. W. Mayhew, G. Hilditch-Carre.  
8.48 Col. Ross, W. G. Steele, Perkins.

8.52 N. K. Littlejohn, J. Low.  
8.56 L. Goldman, F. D. Hunter.  
9.00 A. R. Selby, E. B. McCullum.

9.04 W. W. C. Sheehan, Surg. Nicholson.  
9.08 J. C. Richardson, D. S. Edwards.  
9.12 W. D. Richardson, J. Redman.

9.16 E. A. Gompas, M. S. Banner.  
9.20 A. J. Dennis, J. C. Jackson.  
9.24 F. A. M. Elliott, P. C. Jackson.

9.28 J. P. Tomlinson, J. H. D. Lee.  
9.32 H. Overy, W. G. Mackie.  
9.36 J. Overy, H. G. Sheldon.

9.40 A. M. Mack, G. G. Atkinson.  
9.44 J. Gilmour, J. H. D. Lee.  
9.48 A. M. Mack, G. G. Atkinson.

9.52 J. P. Murphy, D. W. Cingue.  
9.56 P. E. Annis, J. W. Cingue.  
10.00 M. R. Hoggins, J. W. Cingue.

10.04 C. Murray, B. D. Evans.  
10.08 A. McKellar, J. Linaker.  
10.12 J. M. S. Lowe, J. Macdonald.

10.16 A. N. & Q. A. Macdonald.  
10.20 C. Hole, T. McGeary.  
10.24 F. A. Richardson, J. Lissman.

NEW COURSE

9.20 G. C. Vorrall, H. F. Phillips.  
9.24 D. L. Trotter, H. J. D. Lowe.  
9.28 Miss Cuthbertson, Miss Burnum.

9.32 R. L. Cramer, D. Humphreys.  
9.36 Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Webb.  
9.40 Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Webb.

9.44 R. L. S. Webb, A. Mabb.  
9.48 W. A. Mackinlay, C. W. Jeffries.  
9.52 G. M. Park, N. D. Lloyd.

9.56 Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.  
10.00 W. P. Thompson, J. H. D. Lee.  
10.04 Mrs. Overy, J. H. D. Lee.

10.08 A. B. Stafford, A. S. Allison.  
10.12 S. Tomlinson, J. H. D. Lee.  
10.16 W. L. Alexander, G. G. Gray.

10.20 S. T. Butler, H. A. Mills.  
10.24 M. Pollock, J. Morrison.  
10.28 Major Temple, J. Morrison.

10.32 Col. Shackleton, Col. Newham.  
10.36 F. A. Richardson, J. Lissman.  
10.40 Unsuccessful in ballot for the Old Course.

## Gallant Fight To Save Life

Sailor, Brought Here By  
Plane, Dies In Hospital

FLOWN down from Chungking by C. N. A. C. plane on December 19 to receive special treatment Stoker Harry Rubie, 30, never rallied from his illness. He died in the Royal Naval Hospital at 10.15 a.m. yesterday.

Rubie was stricken while on a British gunboat on the Yangtze. He was brought down to Hongkong by Surgeon Commander Nicholson who was sent up by plane for the patient.

Oxygen had to be administered during the flight from Chungking. Deceased was buried at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning, with full Naval honours.

A number of officers and ratings from H. M. ships were also present. Wreaths were received from Vice-Admiral Yangtze, Commander-in-Chief, Officers and men of H. M. Ships, China Station, Hongkong, and Captain and Officers, Ship's Company, of H. M. ships in Port.

## 'Quake Destruction 30,000 Houses Levelled

Casualties Not So  
High As Expected

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Thirty-thousand houses were totally destroyed in the recent Anatolian earthquakes, according to a statement in the National Assembly by M. Euztrak, Minister of the Interior, who has just returned from the ravaged areas.

M. Euztrak gave lower figures for casualties than were previously reported.

It is estimated that 25,000 have been killed, and eight thousand seriously injured.

It is also stated that heavy loss of life and material damage resulted from flood following the earthquakes.

India's Gift To Victims

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wire- less).—As a token of the deep sympathy of the Government and people of India in the terrible calamity that has overtaken Turkey, the Government of India have presented 1,000 tents to the Turkish Government for the help of the victims of the earthquake disaster.

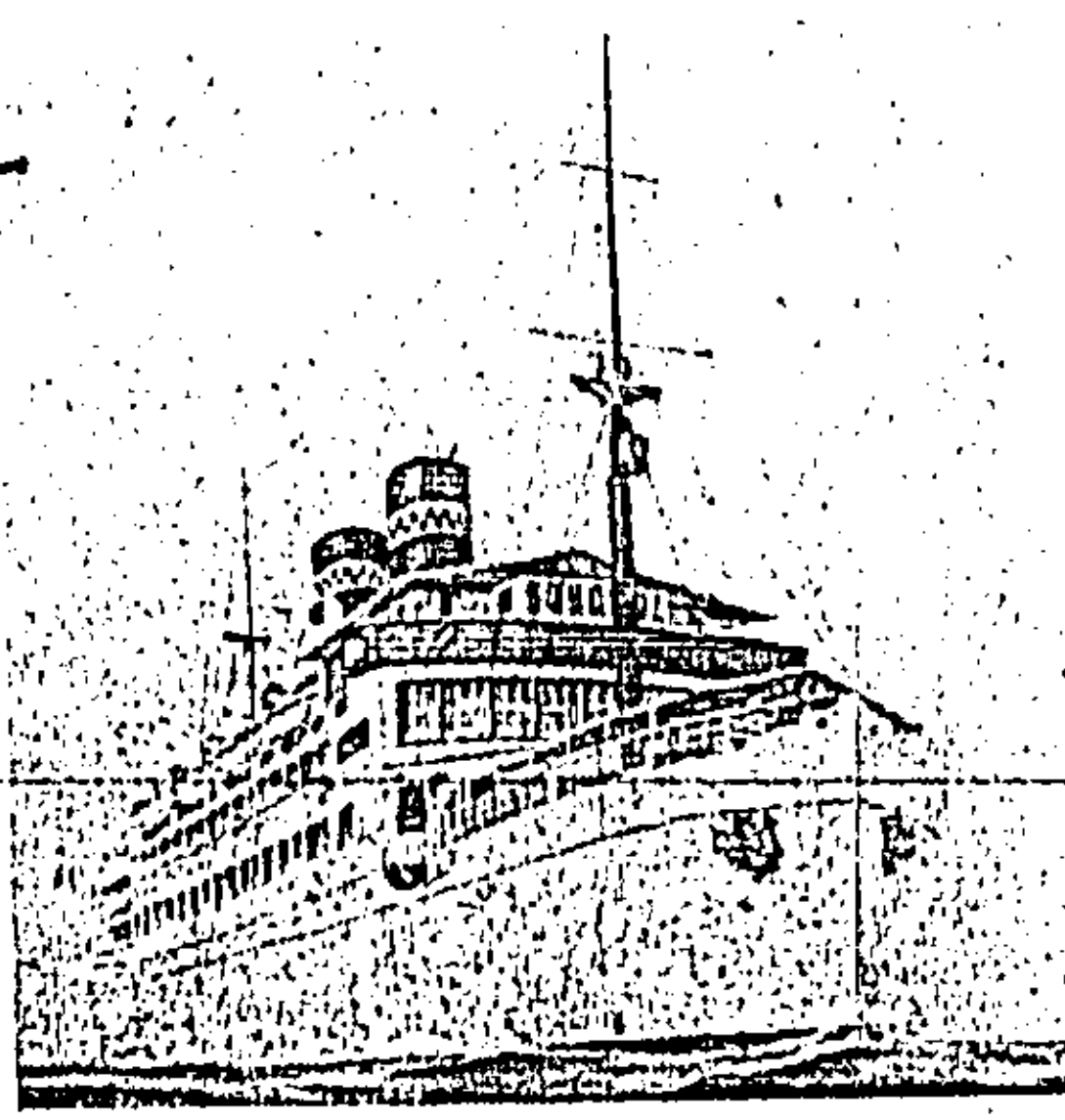
The tents are being shipped immediately to Egypt for onward transmission according to the wishes of the Turkish Government.

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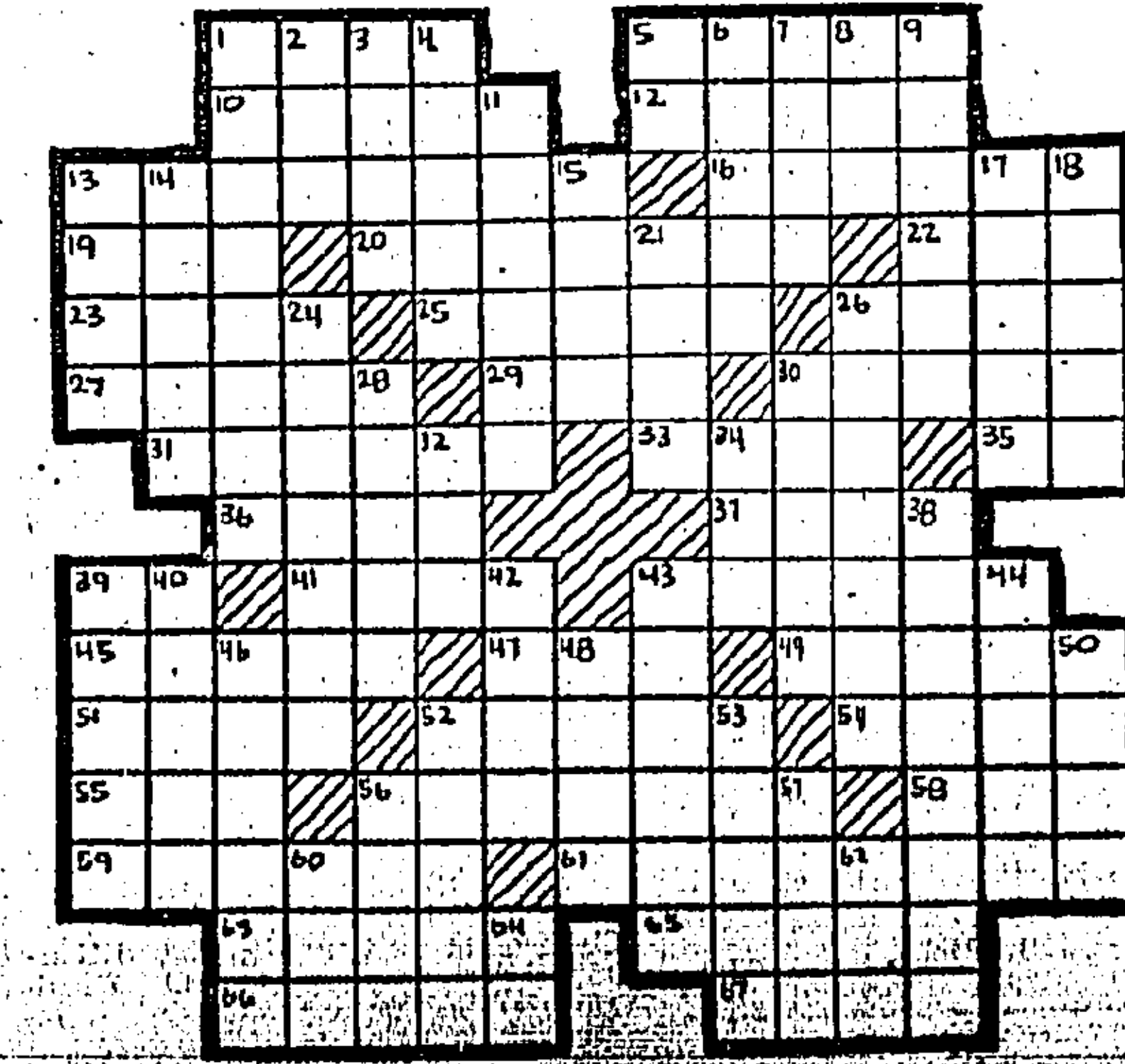
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Kind of duck  
5—Play  
10—King of Judea  
12—Famous French Premier  
13—Italian city  
14—Man's name  
15—One who refuses to work  
16—Recently deceased  
17—European republic  
18—Innocent  
19—British orient  
20—Famous star  
21—Orator  
22—Measure of time  
23—To go  
24—Famous food  
25—Sun god  
26—Tree  
27—Church order  
28—Brownish liquid  
29—Strong liquor  
30—Soft drink  
31—Honey wine  
32—Drop to knees  
33—Name meaning "the name"  
34—North African ruler  
35—Extremely contempt  
36—Title of respect

DOWN

1—Amusement house  
2—Always (poetic)  
3—Tillable  
4—Intolerant  
5—Fool  
6—Slither mouth  
7—Quintessence  
8—Fast dance  
9—Tillable  
10—Intolerant  
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99—Tillable  
100—Intolerant



light, accompanied by fighters, met with enemy planes and shot down two.

Gunner's Graphic Story

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Messerschmidt, though armed with cannon as well as machine-guns, appeared anxious to keep out of the British gunners' range in Wednesday's big air battle in the North Sea.

Further details of which are now available.

"I thought there were only two of them," said one British air gunner.

They attacked alternately, then we saw them closing nearer than 200 yards.

"The fighters attacked in a shallow dive, firing cannon and machine-guns from a distance of 600 yards, but seldom closing nearer than 200 yards. They seemed anxious to get out of the range of our guns and usually turned when we opened fire."

"As they climbed, they showed us their bellies. Our tracers seemed to be going straight into them. Some of them must have gone home heavier than when they set out."

"Some of our chaps fired 500 rounds during the action. They did not all miss."

The engagement continued some 25 minutes, each fighter making eight to ten attacks."

On Unprecedented Scale

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—To-day's visitations by German aircraft were on a scale unprecedented since the beginning of the war, but it is not known how many planes took part as they turned out to sea immediately they were challenged.

A.A. guns were in action in the Firth of Tay, Firth of Forth, South of Scotland, the Humber, the Suffolk coast and the Thames Estuary.

After they were driven off, these or other German machines turned their attention to the bombing and machine-gunning of shipping, but no ships were sunk and casualties were few.

Chased For 40 Miles

One raider attacking a trawler was engaged by a R.A.F. fighter, and a running fight followed, the fighter chasing the German for 40 miles.

When last seen, one of the Nazi machine's propellers appeared to be falling and smoke was seen issuing from the port wing.

An Aberdeen trawler was rescued by other R.A.F. fighters from the attention of two Nazi planes, and yet another trawler was slightly damaged by bombs when assisting in the rescue of the survivors of an Italian ship blown up by a mine.

A motor life-boat which had 30 survivors aboard eventually towed the trawler into harbour. The German skipper dropped four bombs and machine-gunned the trawler.

The skipper was wounded.

Plane Blown Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOENDER, Jan. 11 (UP).—A Heinkel bomber landed and the crew blew it up when they realized they were 30 miles inside Danish territory.

Two bombs were aboard, they having been dropped already.

The four crewmen were interned.

Trawlers Machine-Gunned

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—Two German planes bombed and machine-gunned the trawlers, Burnbank and Dandolo, off north-east Scotland. None of the crews was hit. Both the trawlers escaped and returned to port.

The coxswain of the life-boat which brought ashore the survivors of the mine Italian steamer reported that a German plane bombed and machine-gunned the trawler, Holyrod.

Two bombs struck a rail and fell into the sea while two others missed. The captain was wounded.

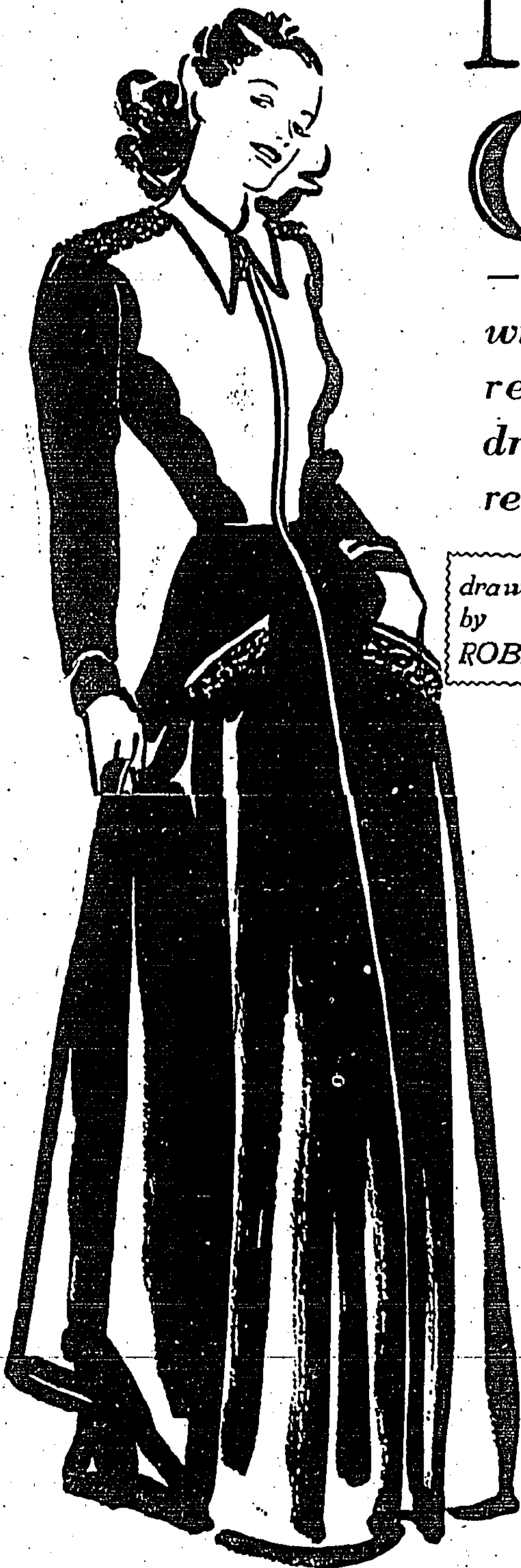
Mrs. R. Young, of 178 The Peak, reported to the Police yesterday that she either lost or had stolen whilst in the French Bank Building, a gold brooch valued at £225.



## STAY-AT-HOME HOUSECOAT HAS A

NIGHT  
OUT

—but it comes down to breakfast with equal distinction. A go-ahead relative of your old friend the dressing gown, housecoats make the first real fashion change-over of the war.



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IT'S taken the black-outs at home to make them leave their evening dresses hanging in the wardrobe along with the moth balls.

One of London's best known dressmakers took his autumn collection for a tour of the provinces. He found Englishwomen have made up their minds—evening dresses are out of the wartime picture. He said: "Women will not dress up in the evenings—not in even the most simple dinner frock. What they want are housecoats."

And there you have the key to the fashion picture this wartime winter—housecoats, housecoats and more housecoats.

HOUSECOATS, or, even worse, hostess gowns, as they sometimes get called, sound high-flying for you and me. But a description of my call-it-what-you-like would take three lines of type, starting off with breakfast robe through tea gown into evening wrap.

THE housecoat illustrated is made mainly of soft navy blue woolen. The front part of the bodice and the neat collar are scalloped on in cyclamen wool. The waist is small, the skirt full, and a zipp fastener closes it down the front. Strips of grey lamb make epaulettes and trim the skirt pockets.

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## THEY CAN'T TAKE IT

### Erstaz Wool Makes Berliners Shiver

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
GERMANY is in the throes of a severe Arctic spell.

It has, because of the shortage of coal, resulted already in the death of one man, whose body was found frozen to death this morning.

He is the first victim of Berlin's coldest winter in eleven years.

Reports received by the "Telegraph" of Berlin's discomfort are from the neutral "United Press."

They tell of the abject misery of the populace, who are unable to keep themselves warm on the meagre ration of coal allowed by the Government.

The coal ration, says "United Press," is 50 small bricks per week for each household.

Despite the meagreness of this ration, many Berlin householders have been unable to secure coal, for supplies have become exhausted.

Householders are not permitted to use wood.

**Extreme Discomfort**  
Thousands of people are suffering extreme discomfort and misery, one "United Press" message states.

The mercury dropped to 21 degrees centigrade in the heart of the city last night, and the river and canal are frozen over.

Hundreds of over-age workmen are busy clearing off the thick snowfalls on the main thoroughfares.

Military sentries posted before official buildings look like over-stuffed mattresses.

Shivering people sombrely watched a traffic policeman in the Wilhelmstrasse do an Indian war dance around his control box this afternoon as he attempted to restore his circulation.

Erstaz wool—new Germans can obtain real woollen garments—are no protection against this sort of weather.

## Chungking Will Have No Truck With Wang

CHUNGKING, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—An emphatic denial of the reports alleging that Wang Ching-wei had reached an understanding with the Chinese Government at Chungking concerning his plans for the proposed new Central China regime was voiced by the Foreign Office spokesman at a Press conference yesterday.

The spokesman emphasised that the Chinese Government had no connections with any puppet regime de facto or de jure.



Very oriental is this covered-up dinner costume in red crepe with red wool gold embroidered bolero.

## IDEAL DIET FOR DIGESTIVE DISTURBANCES

The big problem with sufferers from gastritis or other digestive disturbances is how to avoid pain and discomfort when eating. The inflamed stomach walls are so sensitive that solid foods can not be retained. Even liquid foods are often vomited.

Yet the patient must get quick new strength into his body. Doctors and nurses have found that Horlicks is retained in the stomach when other foods are rejected. The reason is that Horlicks is so easy to digest.

At the same time it rebuilds the exhausted body, and restores strength and stamina.

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Blue wool scalloped edging on pink brushed rayon adds the decorative note at the drawstring neckline and defines the inset corselet, as well as edging the three-quarters open sleeves.

## NO MORE PETROL CUTS, YET

### Britain's Rations To Continue

LONDON, Jan. 11 (British Wireless).—The next issue of petrol ration books for private motor-cars will cover a period of three months from the end of January.

Apart from the ordinary supplementary allowances which, generally speaking, will be made on the existing basis, there has been some relaxation of the regulations in respect of large motor-cycles.

The extension of the basic rationing period to three months is evidence of the Government's belief that the existing situation regarding supplies and stocks is sufficiently satisfactory to justify a longer range policy in petrol rationing. At present, therefore, it is understood that the Government does not contemplate any further early restriction of civilian petrol consumption, though the position will naturally be carefully watched in relation to continued supplies and the essential needs of defence.

### Collaboration Assured

In this connection, the Anglo-French economic co-operation is fully effective, and close collaboration between the British and French Governments have been assured by contacts between the respective ministers concerned, who have established a complete identity of views. The considerable use of private motor vehicles, which the present scale of petrol rationing in Britain permits, may be compared with the edict published in Germany on November 1 forbidding the use of motor-cars for private purposes and giving the Police the right to halt motorists and question them on the purpose of their journeys.

### Cheerfully Accepted

Restrictions here are cheerfully accepted by the British public, which realises that continued supplies on an adequate scale are only available because of the efficiency of the Royal Navy and the courage and tenacity of tanker crews. In 1939 Britain required to import 3,000,000,000 gallons of petroleum products, which meant that every day of year three or four large tankers had to discharge at British ports. The number of tankers now in commission is larger than at the outbreak of war when the total tonnage was 3,770,000. The total British tanker losses up to January 7 amounted to 60,000 tons, or 2.07 per cent. of the whole, and this deficiency has been more than made good by new building, acquisition and in other ways.

The same is true of the French tanker fleet.

### More False Figures

The Germans have recently published figures devised to show that the British tanker losses are 4.31 per cent. of the total fleet. This is entirely false. They also gave a figure for the tanker tonnage now under construction in England with which they doubtless hoped to elicit particular notice which it is not in the national interest to publish.

The Germans can draw little consolation from the true facts, which prove conclusively that German activities have not interfered with the normal supplies of petrol and oil to the United Kingdom.

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—Major General Andrew McNaughton, C.-in-C. of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, visited General Headquarters in France yesterday, accompanied by members of his staff.

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# NANCY

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## Goodbye, Mr Chips

# The Girl in the Mist

From the Novel by  
**JAMES HILTON**  
Adapted from the M.-G.-M.  
Film by  
**Lebbeus Mitchell**

CHIPS, of Brookfield School, is refused promotion after 20 years. On a Tyrol holiday he goes climbing, and loses his way. Suddenly he hears a girl calling in the fog.

AFTER an hour of climbing in the fog, feeling every step of his way, often loosening stones that bounded and tumbled into some hidden abyss below, Chipping drew himself carefully up on a narrow ledge.

Mist floated thickly past. Above his head was one of those mountain monuments begging the traveller to pray for the soul of one who had perished there.

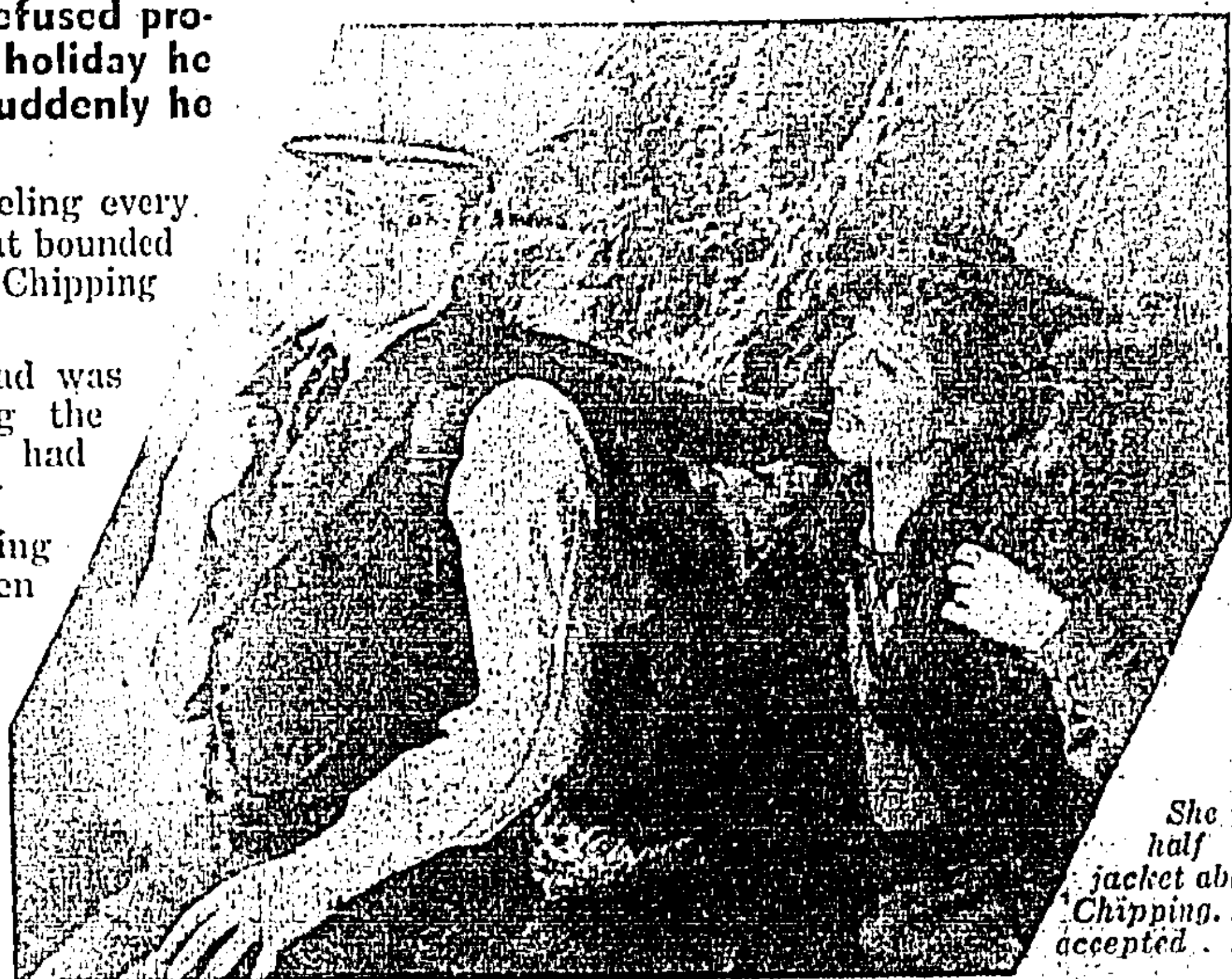
Giving it a grim, sidelong glance, Chipping continued on the slightly ascending ledge, often obstructed by outjutting rocks.

At one of the bends he halted to utter a stentorian "Hel-lo-o!"

"Hello!" answered a girl's voice so close that Chipping gave a startled jump.

"Why, well—er—I don't see you," he said, stepping around the bend.

"Here I am," said the voice quite close to him. He saw nothing but mist at first, but as he advanced slowly, the form of a fair, beautiful girl, wearing a suit, scarf and a feathered hat, took shape.



She put half the jacket about Chipping. He accepted.

SHE was sitting on a low rock, a sandwich in her hand. "Hello, there!—I thought I heard a voice."

"Are you all right?" he asked anxiously.

"Yes, quite, thanks. The mist is a nuisance, isn't it?"

"You're not in any danger?" There was unconscious indignation in Chipping's voice.

"No." Her eyes twinkled. "Do you mind?"

"No—no, of course not."

"You shouldn't be moving about, you know. It's awfully foolish of you."

"Foolish!" Chipping all but choked. "I—I heard you call. I thought you were in some difficulty."

"Don't tell me you climbed up here to rescue me!"

"As a matter of fact, I did," he responded humbly.

"Now, really, I should be very angry with you. Suppose you had fallen?"

"I must say I—"

"I never heard of such utter stupidity! Where were you?"

"On the Gamsteig."

"And you climbed up in that mist—to rescue me—when I'm probably a better climber than you are!"

"Then what were you screaming about?" he demanded.

"I wasn't screaming. I just let out a shout at random."

She pointed downwards and shuddered.

"When I think that road might have been paved with your good intentions! Really, it was idiotic of you—and rather wonderful!"

She gave him a sudden smile. "Not at all," he began uncomfortably.

"Anyhow, I'm awfully glad you came. It was going to be very lonely. Won't you sit down?"

"Er—thanks. Er—my name is 'Chipping—Charles—Edward Chipping.'"

"Mine's Ellis—Katherine Ellis." She withdrew her hand from the pocket of the jacket. "Won't you have a sandwich? I've got loads of them."

"Well, thanks. I ate mine early. I am hungry."

"And I'm sorry I wasn't in any danger," she said contritely.

"It was rather inconsiderate of you," he agreed humbly as he took a sip from her, wondering at her youth and beauty.

"WHAT are you doing alone on a mountain? Isn't it rather unusual for a young lady?"

"I'm not usually alone. I have a friend at the inn."

"So have I. We're on a walking tour."

"Really? We're bicycling."

"Bicycling? Through Austria?" He was incredulous. "Good heavens, I didn't know that ladies rode those awful things! With—or a leg on each side of the saddle?"

"You don't imagine I'd ride side saddle, do you?"

"But what happens to... your dress?"

"Oh, they breed female bicyclists now. Didn't you know?"

"I don't like all this rushing about on wheels. Human beings were never intended to go at such a speed! I suppose you think I'm old-fashioned?"

"I like men to be old-fashioned. Have another sandwich. We'll reserve the rest for emergencies. It's chilly, isn't it?"

She turned up her collar.

"Oh, I say—I should have thought of it. Here, take my coat. I'm rather warm."

"I wouldn't think of it! Put it back on at once!"

"No, really, you must take it. I insist."

"Look here, why don't we share it? It's big enough for both of us."

She started to put it about him.

"Good heavens, no! If someone were to see you!"

"On this mountain? And what if they did? I insist. Look—like this. Catch hold of it."

SHE put half of the jacket about Chipping. He accepted, stiff and shy and dazzled.

They continued to sit there in the mist, now talking, now silent, until it grew dark, hoping the fog would lift.

But it still drifted about the marooned pair, giving them a spectral air. Chipping was sunk in reverie.

"A penny for your thoughts," said Katherine Ellis at length.

"Er—" he said, started. "As a matter of fact, I was thinking about you. I see very little of ladies at Brookfield. I was rather realising what I had missed."

"If I may say so, Mr. Chipping, I think the ladies have missed a great deal, too."

"That's very kind of you, but I'm really not a ladies' man."

"Afraid of them?"

"Terrified!" he replied half-humorously.

"Not of me, I hope?"

"Not up here in the clouds—perhaps the altitude has gone to my head. But if I'd met you at the inn—"

"Because I'm a strong-minded female who rides a bicycle and wants the vote?"

"No, on the contrary—because—because you are so very nice looking. I think—and charming."

"And so are you, Mr. Chipping, frankly."

"Good heavens!" he cried aghast. "No one has ever called me that!"

At her gay laugh he pondered a moment, tickled at being called charming.

"What extraordinary ideas come into one's head up here! Do you experience a sort of exhalation?"

"Definitely. It's the altitude."

"It's as though we owned the mountains. We're pretty superior persons."

"We're gods."

"Up here there's no time," he said, gravely now. "No growing old—nothing lost."

"We're young," said Katherine softly.

"We believe in ourselves," he said.

"We've faith in the future." It was a sort of antiphonal chant.

"It must be the future," said Chipping with a shy laugh. He dug his stick into the ground, and continued, without looking at her:

"DO you suppose a person—in middle age—could start life over again—and make a go of it?"

"I am sure of it—quite sure," she said with sudden warmth and understanding. "It must be tremendously interesting to be a schoolmaster."

"I thought so once."

"To watch boys grow up and help them along, see their characters develop, and what they become when

they leave school and the world gets hold of them.

"I don't see how you can ever get old in a world that's always young."

"I never really thought of it in that way. When you talk about it, you make it sound exciting and heroic."

"It is."

"And the schoolmaster—is he exciting and heroic, too?"

"I've met only one—a reckless person who climbed the Glockner in a mist to—"

"His intense gaze stopped her."

"Is my nose shiny?"

"There's a light on your face—a strange light."

"The moonlight had fallen on her face and gave it a striking beauty."

"Look at the lights in the valley. The mist has lifted!"

They stood up. "Yes," he said, and paused. "We can go down now."

"Yes... I'm almost sorry. It was an adventure, wasn't it? I wonder, if we're not leaving it behind us."

"Will you—er—take my hand? It's rather tricky just here."

She took his hand and they started to descend the mountain.

**TO-MORROW:  
Blue Danube.**

**The Usual Denial**

ROME, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The reports alleged in a Rome radio broadcast to New York were the subject of official denials to-day.

The Rome radio is said to have declared that as a result of the Ciano-Csaky talks, Italy has agreed to send military and air units to Hungary if the latter is threatened by Soviet invasion and that Hungary has agreed to drop its claim on Rumania for the return of Transylvania.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Jan. 12, 1890.

A prominent Welshman has drafted an elaborate scheme for a Welsh Parliament.

Magazine rifles have been issued to the troops at Aldershot.

The great gloomy hall of the \$500,000 Victoria College was put to its first public use this morning, on the occasion of the annual prize-distribution by H.E. the Governor, Sir G. W. de Vaux.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Jan. 12, 1915.

Archbishop Knovsky has sent a telegram to Vatican stating that the Germans operating in Poland are systematically using Catholic churches as positions for their military forces, wireless stations, etc., as the result whereof many have been destroyed. The Archbishop points out that the same danger threatens the old Cathedral of Cracow, which contains the relics of St. Stanislaus, and begs the Pope for his protection.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Jan. 12, 1930.

A sharp controversy is taking place between the Vatican and Signor Mussolini concerning the education of children. The controversy originated in June, soon after the signing of the Lateran Treaty.

Douglas Fairbanks is the star of "Don Q. Son of Zorro" now showing at the World Theatre.

**5 YEARS AGO**  
Jan. 12, 1935.

Marking the end of the period of dictatorship, President Carnot to-day opened the first Portuguese Parliament to sit for nine years. There are ninety Deputies and a corporate Upper House.

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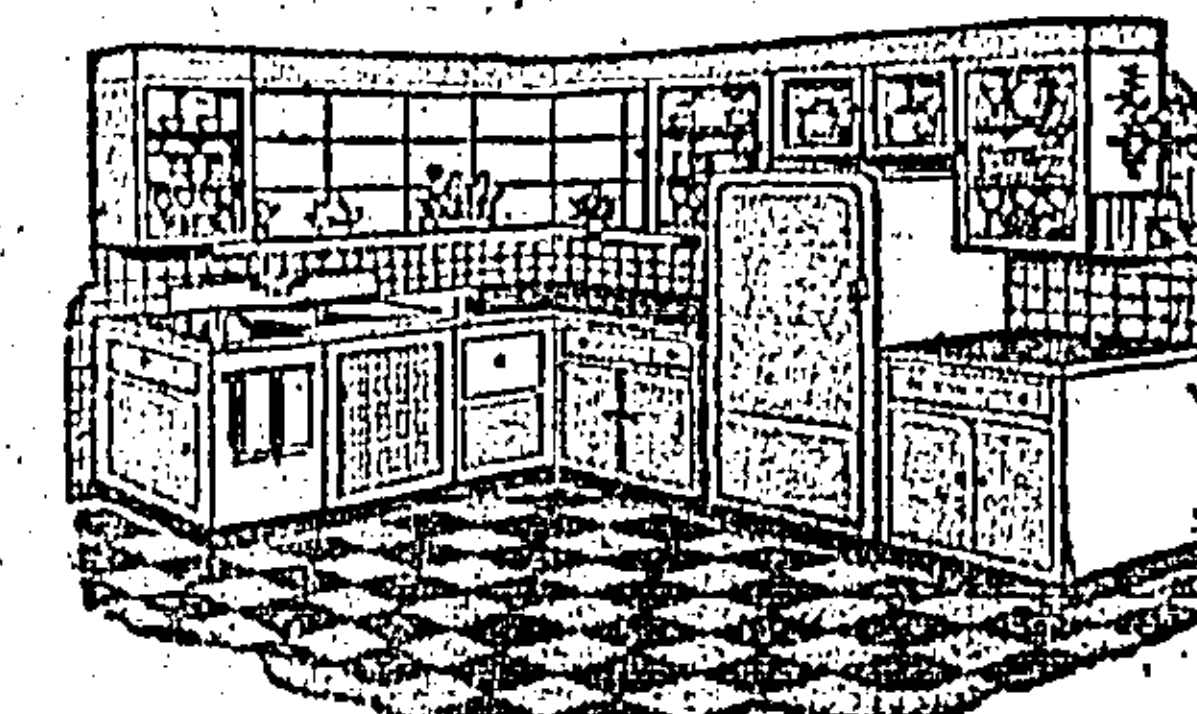
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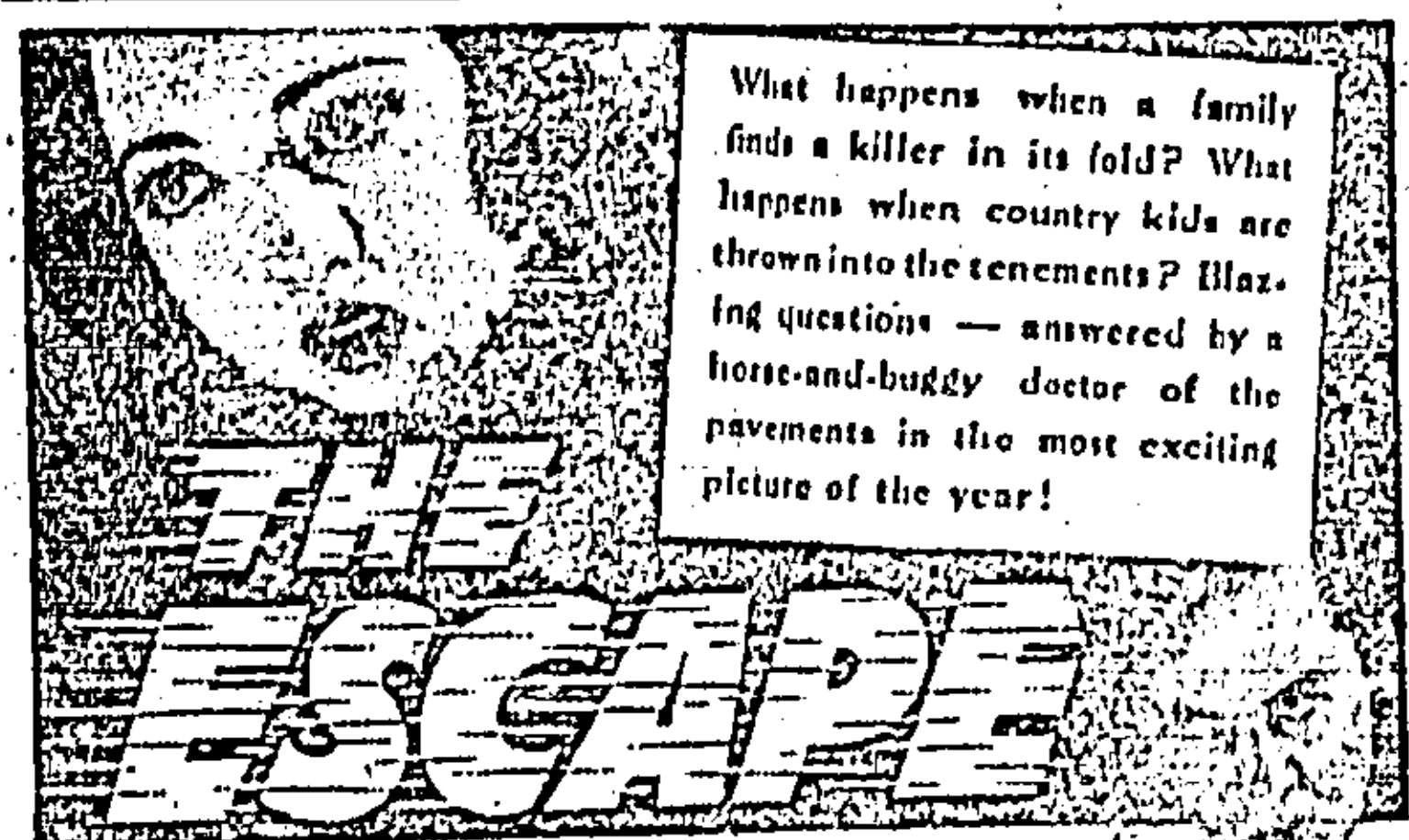
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## RUSSIAN ARMADA SHAM IS EXPOSED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Allied High Commands have received details of the much-vaunted Russian Red Air Force, which show it to be a bigger sham than the Red Army.

For her 4,000 mile wide continent Russia has a first-line strength of little more than 4,465 machines.

Compared with the latest products of the chief Western European Powers 65 per cent. of the Red machines are obsolete. There are no new-type machines under production.

The Russian second-line machine strength is about 2,000 planes. Lack of advanced training machines is restricting the output of trained pilots to 2,000 a year, a useless figure for large-scale war in Europe.

**Split In Two**  
The Russian Air Command is divided into two sections, one to the west of Lake Balkal, the other to the east. Lake Balkal is practically in the centre of Russia.

The Western Air Command has a total of 3,240 of the most modern machines allotted to it. The Eastern Command, which covers the Mongolian and Manchurian frontier, has 1,225 first-line machines.

There are two types of Russian warplanes which experts say "compare not unfavourably" with the modern medium-type bombers of other nations. They are called the SB and Ts.Kb.26.

The SB is similar to a British Blenheim and has a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. A Blenheim will do 235 m.p.h.

The Ts.Kb.26 has a maximum speed of 245 m.p.h. and a range of 1,600 miles with 3,300 lbs. of bombs.

**High Morale**  
The best Russian fighters are the I.16 (SSP), of which the Western Command has 713 and the Eastern Command 320. These machines are similar to British Gloster Gladiators, which have long been superseded by newer types.

The morale of the pilots is high, they are good fighters. But discipline, as a result of the 1937-8 purges, is low. Every commanding officer of every squadron is watched by a political representative.

Russia has relied on France and America to grant her licences to manufacture their latest warplane designs. These sources of progress are closed to her now.

**New Mine Victim**  
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Three of her crew of 30 were drowned and eight were injured by the explosion.

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Her crew were rescued from her life-boats by the other craft in the convoy.

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A denial that any mishap had occurred to H.M.S. Exeter was issued by the British authorities two days ago.

This is apparently another dodge to find out where Exeter now is. It was tried, without success, with the Ark Royal, which inconveniently turned up off the South American coast during the Graf Spee battle, when Zeitschen was still vociferously claiming that it was at the bottom of the Atlantic.

## Crowds Watch Italian Liner Blow Up

### "MINENKRIEG" WAR CLAIMS FURTHER NEUTRAL VICTIMS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A steamer, believed to be the 5,000 Italian liner Traviata struck a mine off an east coast town to-day.

Crowds on the promenade saw the vessel burst into flames.

A life-boat rescued the crew of 60 and the English pilot.

**Danish Steamers Escape**

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The two Danish steamers, Feddy and Ivan Kondrup, both of which were at first reported to have been sunk by German aircraft in the North Sea, have arrived at a north-east coast port.

**Attack On Trawler Fails**

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Two German bombers made an unsuccessful attempt to sink a trawler on the east coast of Scotland.

They flew low, machine-gunning the vessel, and also dropped a few bombs. They scored no direct hits, though slight damage was done by splinters and bullets.

Upon the approach of British fighters, the German planes flew out to sea and the trawler returned to port.

**Danish Protest**

ROME, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—According to a Copenhagen telegram, the Danish Government has instructed its Minister in Berlin to lodge a protest with the German Government against the air attack on two Danish ships, the Feddy and Ivan Kondrup.

**Nazi Ship Hits Iceberg**

REYKJAVIK, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Sixty-two men of the German steamer, Bahia Blanca, 8,558 tons, which struck an iceberg 60 miles off Iceland, are being brought here by an Icelandic trawler.

The Bahia Blanca sailed from Rio de Janeiro with a cargo of coffee and minerals just before Christmas in an attempt to break the blockade.

She was reported to be captured by a British cruiser but the report was not confirmed in London.

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**YUNNAN RAIL AIDE MEMOIRE**  
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SHANGHAI, Jan. 12 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the Franco-Japanese conversations concerning the Yunnan Railway are progressing in Tokyo where the Japanese aide memoire to cease shipments over the Yunnan Railway has been handed over.

Authoritative sources are classifying the notification regarding the Yunnan Railway as an aide memoire rather than an ultimatum.

A thief entered the residence of Lt. W. E. Dickson in Kennedy Road yesterday and stole \$20, a leather purse and a camera.

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LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Lloyds Underwriters have been unable to persuade the Rating Committee to reconsider their decision to resign.

The Rating Committee tendered their resignation on January 3 owing to the existence of a market which is not prepared to support the current schedule war risk insurance rates.

Consequently, it is understood, the Committee will continue to confine itself to a purely advisory capacity. Meanwhile, the advisory schedule is proving a useful guide, and in response to many requests, an amendment to war risk insurance rates may shortly be issued.

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